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Sports El Cerrito baseball team on a strange tear [C1]

Sports Mike McGreehan: no other sport holds its history as well as baseball [C1]

Workshop ponder ark parcel

community invited to shape ideas for land Macdonald, San Bruno avenues

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Now that the town's ideas are being put to work for what to do with a piece of land on the city's eastern border.

The city recently purchased a 1.64-acre tract bordering Richmond at Pablo and Macdonald aves.

With the intention of turning it into a park.

A workshop to generate ideas on how the property should be used will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 3 at St. John the Baptist Community Center, 6500 15th Ave.

The workshop will introduce the property for people who are familiar with it and will add a little bit of history, how we got to this point," said Friends of Baxter Creek coordinator Apolastak.

The meeting signifies a cul-

mination of more than five years

work by the city and members

of the advocacy group Friends of Baxter Creek, said Maryann Apolastak, the group's co-founder.

A creek runs

through the land.

In 1997, residents who wanted

to keep the creek undisturbed fought a battle with the Lucky grocery

to expand onto the property.

Persons bought out Lucky

and did not pursue the expansion.

Friends of Baxter Creek

formed as a result of the

work, and members have since

strived to prevent development,

said.

The group helped acquire

\$50,000 in grant money from

the Coastal Conservancy to go

toward the purchase of the land.

El Cerrito City Council put

another \$50,000 and agreed to

purchase the property in November.

The city and the friends

working to figure out how

the school should look, and are

looking for grants to raise the es-

timated \$500,000 to transform it.

Apolastak said it will be difficult

to raise the money because federal

and state grant budgets have

been cut. But she remained op-

timistic, saying the land could be

a future link between the

Greenway and the Bay

Alternative transportation sys-

tem — in this case, for bicy-

clists and pedestrians — are at-

tempting grant-winners.

We have to seek funding in

order to restore the creek and get

it back to the community," said

Apolastak.

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SITTING UP AND TAKING NOTICE



STUDENTS AT ALBANY MIDDLE SCHOOL participate in a presidential awards physical fitness test. The school recently won a California Distinguished School Award.

State honors Albany Middle School

■ 'Distinguished' award is welcome news for a stressed-out district

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A state award given to Albany Middle School has proved to others what parents, teachers and students have known about the school all along: It's very distinguished.

Albany Middle was one of 132 public middle and high schools recently given a California Distinguished School Award.

The award has been given at a time when little good news is coming from the Albany Unified School District. Through the non-profit Albany foundation School-

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SCIENCE TEACHER STELLA WU gives a lecture on frog anatomy.

Indian rock preservation approved

■ El Cerrito Council approves unfunded plan to protect, archeologically examine carving in Canyon Trail Park

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The City Council has approved a plan to protect a boulder etched with ancient American Indian carvings at Canyon Trail Park.

The protective measures include moving playground equipment and a sandlot away from the boulder, and putting up interpretive signs or a kiosk. The council has also permitted an archeological dig there, tentatively scheduled to begin next month.

"I think the times are right for protection of this rock, and the mayor and city council have

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Albany puts Patriot Act in hot seat

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Concerned about its effect on local library users, the City Council joined a growing list of cities to pass a resolution supporting the repeal of the Patriot Act.

Passed shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the act was intended to help thwart terrorist activities by giving the government broad powers to collect information on suspected terrorists. Groups such as the ACLU have said the act strips people of their civil liberties and constitutional rights.

The Albany Library Advisory

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El Cerrito art show set for this weekend

■ Local creativity will be displayed in multiple media during the two-day exhibition and sale

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — They create in different ways. Many paint, some take pictures, others sculpt. But the members of the El Cerrito Art Association all share the same passion for their art.

That passion will be displayed this weekend at the El Cerrito Art Association's 27th annual art show.

Among more than 200 pieces on display will be work by association member Nina Hazelton. The El Cerrito resident painted until she went to work as an administrative assistant for the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Now retired, she has taken up painting again, goes to art classes regularly and sometimes makes trips to the coast to paint outdoor scenery.



EL CERRITO RESIDENT and artist Nina Hazelton will submit work to an upcoming art show.

Hazelton said it's a fun but challenging hobby.

"Sometimes I don't like it — it's work," Hazelton said with a smile.

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Lawn bowling isn't just for granddads anymore

By Martin Snapp

STAFF WRITER

The sports world is buzzing about teenage phenoms such as 17-year-old basketball star Lebron James and 13-year-old soccer star Freddie Adu.

But lawn bowling, where most players don't reach their peak until after the age of 50, the Next Big Thing is a player who still has four years to go before he's even a teenager.

He is Jonathan Burnosky, the pride of the Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club. Even though he's only nine, Jonathan has already won the Oakland Invitational and Winter League tournaments,

beating adult bowlers from 12 other clubs, as well as placing fourth in the novice men's singles.

Veteran bowlers say Jonathan's potential is unlimited. "He has great arm action and follow-through," says 81-year-old Ted Crum. "But what really sets him apart is a maturity far beyond his years. Lawn bowling is all about focus, patience and thinking several moves ahead, like chess. You don't expect to see those qualities in someone so young."

Other clubs in the Bay Area have taken notice, too, and some try to lure Jonathan away from the Berkeley club.

"I've gotten many calls from other clubs who want us to play for them," says Jonathan's father, Tom Burnosky, who often plays with his son as a team. "Sometimes, they just want Jonathan and not me."

"It's fun," says Jonathan, who picked up the sport when he was seven. "I like the challenge, and I like having something I can do with my dad."

The Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club is an oasis of tranquillity in the heart of the city, located at the corner of Acton Street and Bancroft Avenue. It leases the site from the city, paying a token \$1,200 per year. It also pays for the upkeep, which is much

heftier — \$1,200 only lasts a month.

The club was founded in 1929 by Dr. J.W. Henderson. Henderson's bowls — they're called bowls, not balls, for a reason that will be explained — occupy the place of honor in the clubhouse, right next to a sadly empty case that usually houses the ax that is the trophy of the annual match against the arch-rival Palo Alto Lawn Bowling Club.

"It was a bitter loss, but we'll get it back this year," vows membership chairman Ray Francis.

Lawn bowling is a deceptively simple game. The bowlers start

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JOANNA JHANAS/STAFF
YEAR-OLD Jonathan Burnosky, the youngest member of the Valley Lawn Bowling Club, is drawing a lot of attention in a game other players are often seniors.

Library column

■ Your local library is a great source for medical information. Page A9

Surprise!

■ Unannounced visits can tell you a lot about senior facilities. Page A9



Martin Snapp

■ Veteran jockey is a true friend to stray cats at the track. Page A9

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Poets come together for library events

Poets and poetry-lovers are invited to come to first Thursdays, second Wednesdays, and second Saturdays at the Albany Library.

First Thursdays include an open mike and featured poet: The May event is Thursday, May 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room, and it features poets Catherine French and Lisa Dominguez Abraham, with jazz back-up provided by Mike Pierce (sax) and Clay Bartley (standup bass).

Second Wednesdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for all ages led by Alison Seevak. In May, this event is May 14 from 7 to 9 p.m., also in the Edith Stone Room.

Second Saturdays are drop-in Poetry Writing Workshops for grades 4-8, also led by Alison Seevak. May's event is May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m.

All three events are free and ongoing. Light refreshments will be served. The Albany Library is at 1247 Marin Ave. and is a branch of the Alameda County Library. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

Schools to benefit from weekend sales

Sweet Potatoes and Five Little Monkeys — located side-by-side on Solano Avenue — are pitching in to help save vital school programs with a special sale April 26 and 27.

Located on the 1200 block of Solano, Sweet Potatoes — an outlet store for children's clothing, and Five Little Monkeys — known for unique toys — each will donate 10 percent of all receipts to the Albany Education Foundation and SchoolCARE, two nonprofit groups that support a multitude of programs in Albany.

Five Little Monkeys is at 1230 Solano, and Sweet Potatoes is at 1222 Solano. For information, call 510-528-4411.

Contra Costa

Host families sought for fall semester

Pacific Intercultural Exchange, a nonprofit educational organization, needs local host families for foreign high school students for the fall semester.

Students, ages 15 to 18, may stay for a semester or an entire academic year. Host families may make a time commitment to suit their needs.

The English-speaking students come from Europe, South America, Asia and Australia. They will have spending money and carry accident and health insurance.

Host families — single parents, childless or retired couples or families of any size — can claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on itemized federal income tax returns.

For details or to make an interview appointment, call 800-631-1818.



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El Cerrito

Garden club's show big on 'Local Color'

The El Cerrito Garden Club will hold a small standard flower show, titled "Local Color," at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The show divisions include: horticulture, design, special exhibits and an educational display.

Following a short business meeting, refreshments, plant sale, and viewing of the exhibits, there will be an oral critique by invited judges as well as sweepstakes awards. The public is invited to attend.

For information call 510-234-0135.

Kensington

Summer day camp will begin June 16

The Kensington Community Council's Summer Day Camp, for children entering the first through sixth grades, will run from June 16 through Aug. 22, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each week, campers will have at least one major trip by private bus to interesting locations, including the Jelly Belly Factory, the Bay Area Discovery Museum and the San Francisco Zoo. There will also be hiking, games, arts and crafts, tennis and more.

The camp has a limit of 60 children a week. Children can be enrolled on a weekly basis. The cost is \$165 a week with the cost prorated for the Fourth of July week to \$132. There is also a \$25 deductible deposit.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call 510-525-0292 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Cancer fund-raiser needs volunteers

Volunteers from the American Cancer Society are looking for El Cerrito, Kensington, Albany and Berkeley residents to participate in teams for 24 hours from 10 a.m., Saturday, May 17 through 10 a.m., Sunday, May 18, at the El Cerrito High School track as part of the local annual Relay For Life.

The American Cancer Society sponsors 24-hour Relays in communities throughout the country to raise money to fight cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Since they began in 1985, the runs have become the American Cancer Society's premier community outreach program. In events all over the nation, the teams raised \$200 million for the organization last year.

This will be the fourth event sponsored in these East Bay communities. Local relay organizer Joann Steck-Bayat said participants hope to broaden involvement this year and outdo the \$35,000 raised last year.

For information call Steck-Bayat at 510-524-9464 or visit online at the American Cancer Society Web site, www.cancer.org.

EL CERRITO POLICE

Wednesday, April 9

■ THEFT — Four juveniles were arrested on suspicion of shoplifting at Target around 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 10

■ ASSAULT — A 39-year-old woman and her 20-year-old daughter were arrested on suspicion of assault and robbery at a Pizza Hut at 9:55 p.m. The women attempted to take a pizza by force after being dissatisfied with their service. They then assaulted an employee who refused to let the pizza go.

■ VEHICLE THEFT — A tan 1987 Honda Civic was stolen from the 1400 block of Navelier Street between 7 p.m. on April 10 and 8:30 a.m. the next day.

■ VEHICLE THEFT — A blue Honda Civic was taken from the 700 block of Hancock Way between April 11 and April 13. The vehicle was later found in Kensington.

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■ VEHICLE RECOVERED — About 3:30 a.m. Albany officers stopped a white 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass near Solano Avenue and Jackson Street for a vehicle code violation. They arrested the driver, a 29-year-old Richmond man, for possession of stolen property, passing bad checks and driving without a license and on drug charges. He was cited and released on bail.

■ VEHICLE RECOVERED — San Pablo police located a blue 1981 Toyota that had been stolen from Albany. It was not damaged, and no arrest was made in the case. The vehicle was towed and the owner notified.

■ VEHICLE BREAK-IN — During the night thieves smashed the passenger window of a gray 2001 Saturn parked in a garage on the 400 block of Cornelia Avenue and stole items inside.

The car was broken into again April 21. There were no witnesses to either incident. Police suspect a transient man who has been seen sleeping in the garage area performed both burglaries. Officers are investigating.

■ VEHICLE RECOVERED — At about 10 p.m. Albany officers located a blue 1987 Ford Mustang on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue that had been reported stolen from Oakland. They also saw a white Chevrolet El Camino that had been parked behind the vehicle depart as police pulled up. The blue Mustang was in pieces and missing its engine, transmission and license plates. It was towed. At about 1:30 a.m. on April 17 police located the white El Camino near Marin and Santa Fe Avenues. They investigated and arrested the driver, a 26-year-old Hayward man, on charges of car theft and parole violation. He was cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE — Albany officers arrested a 34-year-old Oakland man for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drugs, parole violations and trespassing on the 400 block of Buchanan Street. He was cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

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Saturday, April 12

■ WARRANT ARREST — A man was arrested on suspicion of having stolen a Honda Accord from Sam Pablo in November. Police spotted the vehicle at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the Freeway Motel and arrested a 24-year-old San Pablo man after he entered the vehicle.

■ VEHICLE RECOVERY — A stolen 1993 Honda Civic was recovered by a police officer on the 6500 block of Barrett Avenue. The vehicle had been stolen from Richmond on March 28.

■ WARRANT/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE — A man was arrested on an outstanding warrant and for being in possession of methamphetamine at 11:30 p.m. at El Cerrito Plaza. Police saw the man exit a dumpsite area along the east side of the plaza.

■ ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT — An attempt was made to steal a vehicle on the 900 block of Liberty Street between 6 p.m. on April 12 and 11 a.m. the next day.

■ THEFT — A 44-year-old Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting \$225 worth of merchandise at Target at 6:45 p.m.

■ ATTEMPTED VEHICLE THEFT — An attempt was made to steal a locked 1988 Toyota Camry on the 5200 block of Ernest Avenue between 4 a.m. on

April 12 and 5:30 p.m. on April 14.

■ ROBBERY — Two men, one armed with a gun, robbed a pizza delivery driver on the 2300 block of Mono Avenue. The driver attempted to deliver a pizza to a home that did not order one. The resident called Richmond police after seeing the two robbers approach the driver.

■ VANDALISM — The window

A sliding-glass door was shattered. The window of a home on the 400 block of Mono Avenue was smashed between noon and April 16. There was no one home.

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Veteran jockey the cats' meow



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

S DAYBREAK at Golden Gate Fields. The grooms are cleaning the stables; the horses are exercising the track. And in a corner of the parking lot, the cats are eagerly waiting for their master to arrive.

The master (not his real name; he doesn't want attention) is a veteran horseman who has ridden on all the great tracks: Hialeah, Santa Anita, Arlington and Churchill Downs. And he's ridden some of the best, including Seabiscuit, Hartack and Pinocchio.

The cats don't know any better. All they know is that the best friend they've had all day is riding a horse. Every morning, when he's riding that day or drives over the bridge from his home in San Francisco to feed the cats, fresh water, and plenty of TLC. And he takes a day off. Even if he doesn't show up, they go to him.

"How's it goin', Peaches?" he says to a gray tabby circling his chair. "How's it goin', Tige?" he asks, shaking his head sadly.

Feral cats are usually extremely scared of humans, but these cats show no fear around Eddie. "They trust me because I treat them the same way I treat horses," he explains. "You have to deal with them on their own terms."

There are few humans more contemptible than people who dump these helpless creatures out in the cold. And there are few more admirable than people like Eddie, who try to help them.

If you'd like to help out, send a tax-deductible donation to Fix Our Ferals, P.O. Box 13083, Berkeley, CA 94702-4083. In addition to the cats at Golden Gate Fields, they also care for ferals in Oakland, Berkeley, Kensington, El Cerrito and other parts of Albany.

Please be generous. The cats will thank you for it.

thanks to Eddie. Working with a group called Fix Our Ferals, he humanely traps the cats and takes them to local veterinarians to be spayed or neutered. While they're at it, the vets also vaccinate the cats, clean their teeth and take care of any other medical problems.

If the cats are tame enough to be adopted — and many are — Fix Our Ferals places them in loving new homes. If not, they're returned to their colony at Golden Gate Fields, where they'll live out their lives under Eddie's watchful care. And at least they won't be adding to the overpopulation problem.

"See that cat over there?" he says, pointing to a gray tabby. "Her name is Precious. When I first found her, she still had her collar on with her name tag. How can somebody name a cat 'Precious' and then dump it?" he asks, shaking his head sadly.

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A fine day for an Easter egg hunt

THE HUNT WAS ON for Easter eggs at Arlington Park in El Cerrito on Saturday, April 19, where, from left, Vivian Bauer, 4, Florence Bauer, 5, and Donny Petersen, 5, gathered treats that were sprinkled throughout the hillside.

JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

Group gets the word out about elder abuse

THE PHYSICAL, mental, emotional or verbal abuse of older, usually dependent, people is not talked about very much. Occasionally you see a story, when the abuse has been dramatically bad. But the day-to-day abuse suffered by some elders is not a hot story.

Janet Wilks spoke about this at a small meeting recently. Wilks works with Elder Abuse Prevention, a Consortium serving Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. It is her job to get the message out and let people know that there is help available.

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CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

working with an AARP program to address this. Some older people need help in keeping up with payments, avoiding fraudulent offers, and just using their money in a way that allows them to live comfortably and have money for food and medicine at the end of the month.

Elder domestic violence, Wilks says, is underrepresented in the news. Very often it is a younger adult who is the abuser. Then the victim must plow through a barrier of

shame before being able to come forward and ask for help. And sometimes, because of lack of programs, there are few simple solutions.

The coordination of services is important, Wilks says. Sometimes adult caregivers need a respite, or an older person needs someone to help with chores. The group tries to direct people to the appropriate services.

One way they do this is by forums such as the West County Senior Fraud Prevention Forum to be held Wednesday at the Richmond Auditorium, Bermuda Room. The forum begins at 8:30 a.m. with check-in and refreshments. A program begins at 9 a.m., with entertainment and a free lunch (for those who pre-register) at noon. For information, call 510-233-3427.

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Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4555. My e-mail is crggenser@aol.com.

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retail, conference center,
casino and gambling facilities and
structured parking) is pro-
posed for the middle of the park.
It will practically split the park

Golden
Fields Racetrack a few
years ago fully that it
was a horse-racing track for
Magna now proposes

massive development to
rebuild racetrack. This de-
velopment is not allowed under
current waterfront zoning, so

we want the city of Albany
to change the zoning.

City does not have the
power to change the waterfront
without voter approval.

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on the waterfront.

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our shoreline.

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of hard work and yearning, we have
the chance to get it right. Not
just communities get that

Magna proposal is the
direction. As long as there, there should be no
development at the site.

Wanting the track to start de-
velopment, especially on top of
Point (the last remaining
part of the original shoreline
part of the Bay) would cut
in two and permanently
separate the two parts of the park

shore.

We believe that the track
is leaving (the track of-
fices this) and that this
development is the first
longer-range plan to put
development on the site.

With the track leave, we can
with a modest develop-
ment, not this Magna pro-
posal last year Albany received
from the track (the city's
of the betting revenues).

Plans for the Eastshore
Park and the Sierra Club

well-respected planner/de-
velopers to create a plan that would
be able and park-friendly.

CESP/Sierra Club Plan
produce revenues of about
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Children

■ The Berkeley Art Center continues its 11th Annual Youth Arts Festival through May 11. The festival includes an art exhibition by K-8th-grade students. Special performances of poetry, readings, dance, music recitals and drama. There are workshops for all ages in drama, sculpture, drawing and shadow puppets and in making musical instruments.

— Young People's Chamber Orchestra perform at 4 p.m. Youth April 26;

— The East Bay Center for the Performing Arts perform at 3 p.m. April 27;

— John Oliver Simon and students from Cragmont, Hawthorne and Rosa Parks Elementary schools read their poetry in English and Spanish, 6 p.m. April 30;

— Workshops cost: \$5-10 sliding scale. Full scholarships are available upon request. All other events are free.

All events are held at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. For more information and workshop schedules, call 510-540-0343.

■ Beginning Internet Workshops take place at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Learn the basics of the Internet—mouse skills, e-mail, web searching, and the library's on-line catalog and databases. Classes are free of charge. Alternate Saturday mornings from 10-11 a.m. Call 510-526-7512 to sign up.

■ Children's Social Skills and Manners workshops are offered in Albany on Saturdays for two hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Each workshop lasts for four weeks. Details: Linda, 527-6202.

■ Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free group is for teens who have a parent or care-giver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. Details: 531-7551.

■ Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237.

■ Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Details: 549-9682.



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THE CROWDEN MUSIC CENTER, 1475 Rose St. Berkeley, announces its fourth annual Community Music Day noon-5 p.m. Saturday, April 26. This free event is an afternoon of musical performance and hands-on music activities for families and children of all ages. Call 510-559-2941 or visit www.thecrowdenschool.org for more information.

tional classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Details: 644-6130.

■ The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2393 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. Details: 883-5222.

■ Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Leave a name and telephone number.

■ A free CopWatch class takes place Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. Details: 548-0425.

■ Berkeley Community Media, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 846-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

■ Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban, Kalaranjali Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.

■ Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-8830.

■ Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

■ Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate;

four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

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■ The People's Park's 34th anniversary Peace Party and Concert takes place from 12 p.m. through 6 p.m. Sunday April 27, half a block above Telegraph Avenue, between Bowditch and Haste streets, south side of the UC Berkeley campus. Host: Wavy Gravy, Speakers include Barbara Lee, representative: David Hilliard, Black Panther Party; Ed Rosenthal, marijuana activist; and Michael Delacour, activist and speakers from many community organizations.

■ Live performances include Clan Dyken, The FU.G.I.T.I.V.E.S., Big Brutha Soul, David Roivas, Carol Denney, The X-Plicit Players, Fat Chance Belly Dance, and County Joe Poets: Julia Vinograd, Anima, Kirk Lumpkin. Other activities include Skate Park by 510 Skateboarding. Food Not Bombs will serve food to everyone and Roots Of Peace will plant a community flower garden. For more information, call 510-399-0830 or e-mail: Charles@ew.com.

■ Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer

technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

■ The Edible Schoolyard gardening and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

■ Berkeley Camera Club meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Details: Betty Coates at 235-0490.

■ Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message a few days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

■ Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? Details: 525-5231.

■ Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ "Work Buddies": volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Namette Lipson, 644-8292.

■ Psychic Healing clinic: 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleaning, stress relief; 800-642-9335.

■ SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8800 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

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■ English-in-Action lets friends from around the world as a conversation partner UC scholar/student for one monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ Women's Dayline, Berkeley; serving women homeless or at risk of being homeless, needs volunteers to open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Volunteers needed for morning and night shifts. For details call 468-6370.

■ ACCI Gallery, 1625 S. Webster Street, presents the exhibit "In the Glass exhibition," reception: 6-8 p.m. today. For more information, call 510-843-2323; accicenter@aoe.com.

■ Artist Judy Stone exhibits her enameled artwork at the Cerrito Library exhibit case the month of April. Stone has been enameling since 1988, her work in fine art galleries in the US and Europe. She is shown as part of the exhibition "Local Artists" at the Library. The library is located at 1475 Rose St., in El Cerrito, for more information, call 510-526-7512.

■ A New Leaf Gallery, 1475 Rose St., presents the exhibition "In the Glass exhibition," through June 1. Artists Pascal Beran, Zachary Campbell, Phil Evans, Jeffrey Moto Ohtake, Mark Oldfield and Mark White. Gallery open Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Details: 510-525-7621 or www.sculpturest.com

■ UC Berkeley's Graduate Journalism, Center for Professional Practice, presents an exhibit by Veronika Godek, recipient of the William Smith Fund Award, is a member of Magnum Photos. She photographs prostitutes and prostitutes who "speak about women, menstruation, sex, pleasure, and love, and the connection between sex and love." A reception and lecture will be held on Saturday, April 26, 1-3 p.m. Details: 510-843-2323.

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Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Romania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds: house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Leilia 555-3911.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointment and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-East Bay Chapter holds its next monthly Family Support Group from 7 to 8:45 p.m. at the Claremont Branch Berkeley Library at the southwest corner of Ashby and Benvenue, one block west of College Avenue. Support meetings are free and offer family members a chance to talk with others who have a mentally ill relative. For more information, call NAMI-East Bay at 510-524-1250.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-East Bay Chapter sponsors a support group to provide information and support to families of children and adolescents with mental illness. The next meeting is from 7 to 8 p.m. Feb. 18, at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage St., in Albany. Support meetings are free and offer parent and other family members a chance to talk with others in order to share information and

get emotional support. For more information, call NAMI-East Bay at 510-524-1250.

Women's Cancer Resource Center offers Support Groups throughout the Bay area. If you are interested in attending a group, call the Helpline at 510-420-7900 during the Center's open hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 12 to 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays.

Bereavement Support Group meets Thursdays, 3:40 p.m. at Jewish Family and Children's Services in Walnut Creek. Topics include dealing with loneliness, isolation, anger and other unexpected emotions; changing family dynamics; and re-establishing connections with your community. Receive support in a warm, Jewish context. No charge (donations accepted). Pre-registration required. Call Marti Kunlik LCSW at 925-927-2000 ext. 740. This group is jointly sponsored by Sinai Memorial Chapel and Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay.

Fibromyalgia Support Group, sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, holds a rap session from 12 noon - 2 p.m. Feb. 18, at Alta Bates Medical Center-Herrick Campus at 2001 Dwight Way in Berkeley. Sufferers of Fibromyalgia and related conditions, their families and friends are encouraged to attend. For more details call Deborah at 510-644-3273 or for directions only call Barbara Ridley at 510-204-4503.

The Sacred Voice, a cancer support group, led by Shira Stone MFT, uses the tones in the voice to induce states that are beyond words. Participants join voices with others to bring harmony and balance the body, quietness to the mind, integration of feelings, and an experience of connection to the Source of all healing. This free group meets weekly from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at 2951 Derby, Redwood Gardens, in Berkeley. Pre-register with Shira at 510-644-3273.

Arthritis Foundation, Northern California Chapter Fibromyalgia Support Group meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 12 to 2 p.m. at Alta Bates Medical Center, Maffly Auditorium-Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. The next meeting is Nov. 19. Topic: "How to Improve Your Daily Functions," conducted by Alta Bates Staff. There is no meeting in December. For more information, call Deborah Rich at 510-644-3273. For directions only, call Barbara Ridley 510-204-4503.

Grandparent Support Group meets from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the second Thursday every month at the Malcolm X Elementary Arts and Academics School, 1731 Prince St., room 105A Berkeley. Grandparents, relatives can express their concerns and needs and receive support, information, and referrals for kinship care. For information, call Leni Siegal, MX Healthy Start Coordinator, 510-644-6517.

Become a Certified Domestic Violence Counselor: Building Futures with Women and Children is offering a state-recognized training for those interested in volunteering with battered women and children. Training is located at 1395 Bancroft Ave in San Leandro. Call 510-357-0205 ext. 110 for more information.

The number of recent tragedies both locally and across the nation can evoke reactions that can affect us emotionally, physically, in our thoughts and behavior. Alameda County Crisis Support Services offers help through its 24-hour cri-

sis line, grief counseling, education and community debriefing programs. Call 849-2212 for more information.

A free Yoga for Cancer class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Restorative Yoga class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help to ease tension and discomfort and open the body to relaxation and well-being. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Adult Survivors of Incest, a local support group in the East Bay is being formed. The group will gather for healing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film watching, traveling, or any fun activity. Interested participants, call Attica Pearce at 626-1698. Feel free to leave a message.

The pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one can often feel overwhelming — especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. The grief counseling project is here to help. No one is turned away for lack of money. Call 889-1104.

"The Grief Care Community" offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming Images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at AMHC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Cancer Center, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern

California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call 408-954-8600 or visit www.balf.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

Theater, dance, film

A free screening of "Let's Face It," a 26-minute documentary, where women explore their aging faces, takes place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday April 19, at Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. Albany. For more information, call 510-526-3720.

Stagebridge presents the premiere of "Senior Moments," by Australian playwright James Keller, at 2 p.m. April 23, 24 and 28, at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St., Berkeley. The play involves a classics professor reluctantly teaching senior citizens in this new comedy. The professor receives a lesson in humility and community. Tickets: By donation. Make reservations by calling 510-444-4755 or visit www.stagebridge.org.

Shotgun Players, presents the play "The Vampires," by award-winning playwright Harry Kondoloj, through May 10. Kondoloj takes a sardonic and scathing look at relationships between spouses, siblings, children and society at large. Kondoloj wrote the play in 1984, one year after he received the Obie Award for Most Promising Young Playwright. He died at the age of 39, leaving a legacy of 17 plays with savage humor and twisted relationships. Tickets: \$18 adults, \$12 children, seniors and Theater Bay Area members; \$10 Thursdays \$20 opening night. Pay-what-you-can previews April 10 and 11. Call 510-704-8210 for reservations or check www.shotgunplayers.org.

Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. Details: 525-1130.

Family Folkdancing takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 632-3713.

Swing Dance Classes! Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8

p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. Details: Michael Marano at 528-7858.

Volunteers

Volunteer with the Women's Cancer Resource Center. Help support women with cancer, their families and friends by volunteering with one of the Center's many programs. Call Emily at 510-601-4040 ext. 109 or e-mail emily@wcrc.org for more information.

The Sierra Club Bay Chapter in Berkeley is in need of gracious, service-oriented volunteers to direct calls, greet guests, respond to inquiries, and provide general office support. Regular four-hour shifts are available weekdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Training and on-going support are cheerfully provided; ideal for retirees. Additional volunteer opportunities are also available. Call 510-848-0800 ext. 315 for more information.

More than 2,500 volunteer opportunities with 950 Bay Area non-profit organizations are available through the Volunteer Center of Alameda County. For all volunteer opportunities, call 925-462-3570.

The Volunteer Center of Alameda County seeks the following volunteers:

Hardware Technician Trainer—A non-profit agency refurbishes donated computers to families, schools, and non-profit agencies. Volunteer opportunities in the area of technology and office and public contact are needed but the agency is most desperately in need of a Hardware Technician Trainer.

Hospital Patient Care Volunteer—Peninsula hospice provides support services to the dying and their families and caregivers. The hospice provides services such as physician and nursing care, bereavement counseling, physical and occupational therapy, nutritional counseling, and social work. Volunteers are needed for the thrift shop, office, and especially for patient respite care.

Bulk Mailing-Staff, sort, and seal envelopes for this East Bay project that supports Tibetan people in their on-going effort to respect and transmit their religious and cultural heritage. This all volunteer organization prints and distributes texts and art, as well as provides direct aid to monks, nuns, monastic, and educational centers. For more information about volunteer opportunities at the Volunteer Center of Alameda County, call 925-462-3570.

Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit community organization, seeks volunteers to recycle, rebuild, and redistribute computer technology for families and schools. Volunteers are needed to be administrative coordinators, computer pick up and create efficient and effective systems for recording data and use of spaced, answer phone calls, log calls, route information and provide filing, organization, and other assistance. Call Mike at 845-1226 for more information.

Volunteers are needed to assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books and prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Help fundraise to distribute these treasures to Tibetans in exile. Call 800-338-4238 for more information and location.

Crisis Support Services County needs volunteers 24-hour crisis line. Between hope and despair. No prior experience or training required. Call 528-7858.

Tibetan Aid Project

To help preserve the old Tibetan culture. Assemble and pack Tibetan books. Prayers texts for prayer wheel. Rely on donations to distribute these to Tibetans in exile. For more information, call 528-7858.

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Sure sign of spring

ONES are a big hit at the annual Spring Fair at Veterans Park in Albany, on Saturday, April 19. The fair, presented by Preschool and the city of Albany, helps support the fund in 1937.

apply based on the schools' Academic Performance Index results.

The applications were evaluated by teams of local educators under the direction of the California Department of Education.

Barnett said they evaluated 10 areas of the school, including: how well the school meets the needs of the community; how well it provides for the emotional and social welfare of its students; how well it's supported by the community and how well the teachers maintain the curriculum to meet state standards while keeping the material fresh and interesting.

"It's a top-to-bottom, in-and-out review of all aspects of the school," Barnett said.

She added that applying for the award was a grueling process. A 23-page application was followed by an all-day visit from state education officials in March. But it was worth it.

"It will make it possible for us to get at least one or several grants from outside sources," she said.

The award comes as no surprise to science-department chair Kay Sorg, who has been teaching at the school for 21 years.

The teachers continuously try to improve and the students consistently meet the teachers' high expectations, she said. The community strongly supports the school (as well as schools in the rest of the district), and principal Stephenson gives the teachers real decision-making power.

"I've personally been offered jobs in lots of other areas but I prefer the diversity of Albany and I appreciate that I can come up with ideas and see them put to use," said Stephenson, who wears a white lab coat covered in messages signed by her previous year's students. "It's great, it's a good fit for me."

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Art

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laugh. "It's creative. I would like to do better than what I'm doing."

Hazelton has contributed one of her more abstract acrylic paintings—a still-life of a wine bottle and onions sitting on a table—to the show.

The event will include paintings, sculpture, photography, graphic art and more. The most recent addition to the artistic categories is computer-generated art, reflecting the association's effort to keep up with changes on the artistic landscape, according to art association president Sylvia Falcon.

"It's a community event, a beautiful art show, over 230 entries, all media, including photography and sculpture," Falcon said. "The majority of the work will be Asian brush-stroke paintings, and it's a good way to see what local artists are doing."

The show will kick off with an awards ceremony from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. tonight. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Following that, the art, much of which can be purchased, will be exhibited Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. All of the events are free and will be held at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: The El Cerrito Art Association's 27th Annual Art Show and Sale

WHEN: Friday, April 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 26, from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 27, from noon to 4 p.m.

WHERE: The El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

INFORMATION: Call 510-235-2232

Most importantly, the members are passionate, though for some the artistic urge may have been sidelined for a few years.

Thirty-five years ago, Falcon, the art association president, was an avid acrylic painter but said she suppressed her creativity after becoming a stay-at-home mother of four children.

She rediscovered her artistic side in the late 1990s after learning about the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, N.M. She became a docent there, as well as a lecturer on O'Keeffe in Santa Fe and the Bay Area.

Subsequently, she's added new media to her repertoire, including stained glass, fused jewelry, photography, and pastel paints, and has won several awards for her work.

Falcon became the president of the art association to support other artists in the community, particularly those who work in media other than paint, such as sculpture and photography.

"I'm just energized by the whole new thing that's come into my life the past five years," Falcon said. "And I think it's really important to become part of the art association, to encourage other artists to release and inspire their creativity."

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Moyes

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California Registry and the Greater Cleveland Resource Guide have checklists. They can be picked up at Mastick (510-748-4587) in the office.

Q: When my aunt went into a nursing home, they asked for money up front until her Medi-Cal came through. I was told it was standard procedure and that I would get that money back. It's been four months, and I haven't received it. Now they are saying I may not get it back at all.

A: It is pretty standard to pay when a family member goes into a skilled nursing facility as that buys some time for family to apply for Medi-Cal. All facilities are required to return the amount if the resident is covered by Medi-Cal for that whole month.

So if she entered the facility in January and you paid for January and her Medi-Cal came through for the month of January, the Medi-Cal would start as of the first day of the month. So she would be covered from Jan. 1 by Medi-Cal; therefore, she was only responsible for her share-of-cost.

It sounds like you already called and requested the payment be reimbursed. The California Welfare and Institutions Code §14019.3(e) states, "upon reimbursement by Medi-Cal, a facility must return any money paid on behalf of a beneficiary other than what the beneficiary owes for share of cost."

California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform suggests you write the facility administrators a letter. If they do not comply with your request for a refund CANHR recommends you file a written complaint with the Department of Health Services. For more information on how to do this, call CANHR 800-474-1116 or go to their Web site: www.canh.org.

Helen Moyes is the senior resource specialist at Mastick Senior Center. Reach her at hmoyses@ci.alameda.ca.us.

El Cerrito

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recognized that," said Leigh Marymor, a Berkeley resident leading the effort to preserve the boulder. "It's pretty much a lovefest for protecting Native-American culture in El Cerrito."

The Canyon Trail Park boulder is an outstanding example of ancient Indian petroglyphs (rock carvings), said Marymor, vice president of the American Rock Art Research Association and the co-chairwoman of the Bay Area chapter of that organization.

The rock is located on the west end of the park off Conlon Avenue. Rocks with similar carvings can be found in backyards and other areas of the city, though Marymor has paid attention to the Canyon Trail site because it is an area popular with residents.

Eight residents came out in favor of the preserving the boulder at the April 21 City Council meeting, though there was some concern about making sure any finds from the archeological dig

be put in the hands of the El Cerrito Historical Society.

"I would really like to see really clear oversight" of the dig, said El Cerrito resident George McRae. He added that "even the smallest of finds need to be looked after."

Several residents gave their unconditional support for the preservation efforts.

"It's a wonderful rock and well worth preserving," said Berkeley resident Barbara Thompson.

Roger Kelly, an adjunct professor at Cal State Hayward, will perform the archeological dig with his students and prepare a report to the city about it. He said he hoped to find shell fragments or animal bone, which could become part of the interpretive story of the boulder.

"What we're trying to do is add a research dimension to what Leigh has outlined," he said.

Council members were in favor of the dig and the protective measures and voted 5-0 to let both go forward.

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"This was not a funded project so we're going to go back to the council for a donation request as one of the members of the community suggested," Kortz said.

Bowling

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by rolling a small white target ball, called the Jack, about three-fourths of the way toward the other end of the green. Then everyone takes turns rolling — or, as they say, "delivering" — their bowls toward it. The bowl closest to the Jack at the end wins.

The distance between the bowls and the Jack can often be quite small, requiring a tape measure, calipers or — in extremely close cases — the width of a dollar bill to determine whose bowl is closest.

"The concept is simple," Francis says. "It's the execution that'll kill ya."

The skill factor lies in the fundamental difference between the green, which is as perfect as human ingenuity can make it, and the bowl, which is as imperfect as human ingenuity can make it.

The green is as flat as possible, starting with a special grass that grows sideways, not up. The grass is mowed by a \$5,550 mower, then it's flattened some more by a grooming machine. Next comes more flattening by the verti-tiller, followed by the ultimate step, a sander.

"Some people compare it to a putting green, but a putting green looks shaggy by comparison," Francis says. "It's more like the felt on a very expensive pool table."

But while no effort is spared to make the green as flat as possible, the bowl is purposely made lopsided — which is why it's not called a ball. It's flattened on both ends, and one side is heavier than the other.

In the hands of a master such as Jonathan, a lopsided bowl can do wondrous things, running circles around other bowls seemingly blocking its way before coming to rest right next to the Jack.

Befitting its British roots, lawn bowling is a genteel sport, with a code of etiquette that includes wearing white and shaking hands before and after every match.

"Applaud a good shot, whoever plays it," reads the rule book. "If your opponent plays an unlucky shot, do not show any outward sign of satisfaction at his misfortune. It is the height of bad form to criticize the condition of the green, especially if you are playing an away match."



THE HIGHLY SKILLFUL BURNOSK, shown with teammate Howard Mackey of El Cerrito, has resisted recruiting efforts by rival clubs.

That can be tempting, because there's often a huge difference from one green to another. This is a sport with a definite home-field advantage.

And for all its gentility, lawn bowling has its ruthless side, too, as when a bowler delivers the bowl as hard as he can at the bowls surrounding the Jack, scattering them hither and yon, a tactic known as "breaking the head."

This year marks the Berkeley Bowling Club's 75th an-

niversary. It's celebrating by inviting the public to an open house party on Saturday, May 3, from 1 to 4 p.m., featuring free lawn bowling, free lessons, free snacks and the good fellowship for which the sport is noted. Visitors are asked to wear flat-soled shoes to protect the bowling green.

Meanwhile, Jonathan has been playing every day when weather permits, honing his skills for the spring round of

tournaments. And as good as he is, he says there are even better players just around the corner: his 7-year-old brother Joshua and his 2-year-old brother Matthew.

"Matthew has little 2-inch 'carpet bowls' that he plays indoors," Jonathan says. "And he's getting really good. I'm teaching him everything I know."

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Albany

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Board asked the council to pass the resolution because of concerns that the act gives the FBI powers to examine what material people borrow from libraries without needing to probable cause, or permitting patrons to be informed.

By a 4-1 vote, the council approved a resolution supporting a repeal of the act at its April 21 meeting, becoming one of more than 90 communities in the country to do so, according to the ACLU.

The resolution says the council "affirms its strong support for our constitutionally guaranteed rights and liberties, and supports repeal of those sections of the USA Patriot Act that pertains to libraries."

The resolution also states the council's support for the Freedom to Read Protection Act of 2003, H.R. 1157, which limits some of the provisions of the Patriot Act that deal with libraries and bookstore records. That bill is being debated in the House of Representatives.

Thirteen residents asked the council to support the resolution and two asked them to oppose it. Vice Mayor Jon Ely voted

against it.

An additional resolution supporting a repeal of the act and a peace end to conflict in Afghanistan failed to pass. Ely and Councilman Good voted against it. Councilwoman Peggy Jean stained. Mayor Jean and Councilman

voted for it.

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Land

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a pedestrian and bike trail in there and really turn it into a nice, useable space," Szostak said. "So we are in the process of seeking funding, and as a part of that process we want to incorporate community input."

The May 3 meeting is de-

signed to generate ideas about making the space more inviting and welcoming while meeting the conditions of the Coastal Conservancy grant. The conditions include making sure the creek is restored, creating public accessibility for bikes and pedestrians and incorporating an educational component into the design.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Crocker Highlands home has great gardens



BUILT IN 1927, THIS CROCKER HIGHLANDS COLONIAL REVIVAL-STYLE HOME offers a magical back garden that was featured in Sunset Magazine in September 2000. With trellised garden beds for flowers and vegetables, patios for entertaining, a built-in barbecue, a pond with goldfish and numerous fruit trees, the garden is full of delightful surprises year-round.

The kitchen was recently remodeled and features KitchenAid stainless appliances, slab granite counters, a new bamboo floor and birch custom cabinetry with good storage space. The kitchen has a door that leads to the deck that overlooks the backyard and has a nice view of the surrounding area. The formal dining room has the same view and French doors that open to the deck, making this a great home for outdoor living and entertaining.

There are three bedrooms upstairs — one currently used as a den. The spacious master suite has a fireplace, as does the sunny living room. Additional features include: Hardwood floors, French windows, sunny exposure, hobby room in the basement, period light fixtures, built-in wine rack, convenient location close to shops and transportation.

Price: \$798,000.

Listing agent: Dian Hymer, 510-339-4777, Coldwell Banker, 6137 La Salle Avenue, Oakland.

Oakland Realtors look at the year 2003

BY BOBBIE REID
CORRESPONDENT

Busy, busy. That's the keyword for the Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR); its staff, officers and board of directors. Activities and events are filling up the calendar. This includes everything from a housing summit to a historical event.

What is all the activity at OAR about? Most recently, the association is working in concert with

the Nor-Cal Housing Coalition. The Bay East Association of Realtors initially created the coalition. The group is preparing to host a housing summit in May.

OAR's President Georgia Richardson is involved with PEPS (President Elects and Presidents). PEPS was formed during Richardson's term last year as the associations president-elect. It

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Located in Berkeley, Oakland, Kensington and Alameda, the gardens include an amphitheater surrounded by mature trees on an historical property; a Oaxacan sanctuary; an intimate garden replete with enchanting dining spaces, an exotic outdoor lounge, and a frieze from the 1913 Pan Pacific Exposition; and an expansive hilltop property evocative of early Hollywood with a rock pond, swimming pool and a rich blend of tropics and succulents.

The talents of noted garden designers Tim and Lisa Goodman, Kent Gulickson, Suzanne Arca, Sherry Mercari, Cooper and Dolan and Gary Lazar will be featured among others.

Tickets are \$45 per person and include a keepsake booklet with detailed descriptions of each garden, a map, and directions for the self-guided tour. Tickets also include talks by garden experts held on the school grounds during lunch-time. Gourmet boxed

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A newly expanded and vibrant marketplace will be open to the public in the park-like setting of the school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "The Marketplace" will feature over 30 merchants with rare plants, fine foods and garden-related wares.

Proceeds from the tour and "The Marketplace" benefit scholarship and academic programs of Park Day School, an independent K-6 school. Park Day School is located at 370-43rd Street, in Oakland. For more information, and to purchase tickets, please call the Garden Tour Hotline at 510-653-6250 or visit www.secretgardenstour.org.

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Learn the answers to many home buying questions at "The Home Buying Answers Class". This free class is from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 3. Senior Loan Consultant Margie Lupo of Vintage Mortgage conducts the class. To pre-register, call the "Answers Class" hotline at 888-629-0077 ext. 8610.

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NAR MEETINGS

The National Association of Realtors will hold the Realtors Midyear Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo, May 13 through May 17. This is an opportunity to learn firsthand the latest in real estate, including buying and selling trends, legislative and regulatory updates and economic predictions for both the residential and commercial sections of the market. More than 7,000 Realtors are expected to attend the meetings and make their voices heard in the nation's capital.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

It's not too early to save the date. A Kick-Off event was held yesterday for the 21st Annual Sports Challenge. This charity fund-raiser benefiting Special Olympics is planned for Friday, August 15.

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Winans

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the family's backyard for her to live in. Winans Construction, Inc. of Oakland built the cottage.

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Don't wait to meet the National Association of Realtors ethics class requirement. The deadline is Dec. 31. The course stresses familiarity with the Code of Ethics and also an understanding of how the code applies to your business. Contact your local association for class information. Additionally, Realtor.org offers a free, online course.

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Part three of three parts
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To get to this hidden treasure take Highway 80 north Valley to the Suisun Valley Road ext. Then turn left over the highway and drive north along Sun Valley Road about two miles until you come to Rockville. Then continue north a few more yards until you see a church and a cemetery on the left.

The Rockville Stone Chapel was built in 1856, out of local volcanic rock known as tufa, (the material used for all of the 19th century stone buildings in the area). This chapel was built Methodist Church, and remained in 1940 by the federal Progress Administration. It is the example of "Pioneer Era Renaissance Revival," according to John Low, daughter of the historian Clyde Low of the Solano County Historical Society. She provided much of the information for this article.

There is shelf molding above double doors, and a neoclassical paneled door. The windows on the side of the chapel have diamond-shaped latticing. Adjacent to the chapel is one of the most historical grounds in California, Rockville Public Cemetery. In the tree-shaded cemetery, are grave markers from as early as the 1850s.

One of the more prominent people buried here is Granville Smith, a leader of the Bear Flag Revolt in 1846, which started the movement to have California secede from Mexico and join the United States. Also buried here are a number of Native American residents of Solano County, including one with a stone marker that reads simply "Indian Dick, faithful servant."

At the northwest corner of the cemetery, on a separate parcel, is an old stone barn. The Baldwin Horse Barn was built in 1865. It has a massive, Romanesque Revival style archway over the entrance. There are quoins along the side of the entryway, and a small "neighing horse" bas-relief motif on the keystone.

The stonework has a rough, rustic finish, and there are small, diamond-shaped windows along the side. This barn sits on private property. Please don't walk around without arranging a tour with the Solano County Historical Society.

I will provide information on how to do this at the end of this article.

Just a few hundred yards south of the Old Stone Chapel is the Samuel Martin Farm House, at 293 Suisun Valley Road in Fairfield, across the street from Solano Community College.

This Gothic Revival residence, (considered a cottage in Victorian times) was built in 1861 by one of

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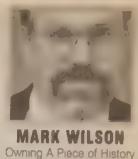
Morgan redesigned the interior of the farmhouse and added a new wing.

The interior of the home now has 25 rooms and 10,000 square feet, and the exterior retains its original high-peaked gables, bargeboards along the eaves with pendants at the corners.

Clyde told me that there are plans currently in the works to create a historic public park on this site. It will be called the Mar-

tin Suisun Historic Park, and will be dedicated to the history of local Native American history, and to pioneers, ranchers, and farmers like Samuel Martin.

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Bubbly or solemn, everyone worries

Return to Number 325, May 2000, in a series of true experiences in real estate

From the start, some buyers are excited and bubbly. They can hardly wait to get out there and find what will become home. Other people, who look at buying as a project, are more solemn.

Either way, buyers worry. Practiced worries find more than enough to keep them engaged. But those who are usually cheerful, carefree types worry too. Because the buying of a house is big, it means being responsible both for money and for choosing where to live.

Most people are quite concerned about these things. They know they can't buy and then easily "un-buy" if they change their minds. The house they choose, and how much they spend to buy it, will shape a lot of their lives for some time.

The money part of buying has many sub-parts, some of which are apparent: What is affordable? What can I buy, make the payments on, still have money for food — and maybe even a vacation?

Every buyer wants to make a smart investment, to buy in a neighborhood that other people find appealing, a place that is safe to come home to at night, where walking in the evening is pleasant. Buyers hope that the house they buy will be a good place to live and will also be worth more when they want to sell.

There are the less obvious parts: Should I lock in my loan? Will prices hold, or will I pay too much if I buy now? Will prices go up?

Selecting can be difficult, too. Almost every buyer is disappointed by what he can buy. It doesn't seem to matter whether he is looking for a \$400,000 house or one for \$1,000,000, the houses he can afford are too small or too needy, they have no yard or view or privacy — or something.

Because of this, almost everyone reaches for the highest possible price. Everyone wants to get the best they can.

As the price goes up, money worries get bigger and are easily extended to repairs and wishes. How long do roofs last? If my roof leaks, where will I get the money to fix it? If we redo the kitchen countertops and buy a new dishwasher, how much will it cost?

For many first-time buyers, there are parents to worry about especially when they have loaned or given money to their kids so they can buy. Getting parents who live in an area where \$75,000 buys four bedrooms and acreage to believe California prices can be a trick. And buyers often feel the need to impress their parents with their good taste and business acumen.

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Sooner or later, looking at houses results in concentrating on a particular one. "I may not buy it," thinks the buyer, "but this one is worth looking at more closely." Now generic worries become case-specific. "Does the sun hit the kitchen in the morning? Is the room off the bedroom cold in winter? Is the foundation strong? What about the water pressure in the shower?"

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rent market, there are other worries: "How many offers will there be? How high should I bid? What if I win? How will I feel?"

We've known a couple of people who became so preoccupied by their fears once they were concentrating on a specific house, so frightened that they wouldn't be able to make it all come out right, that they stopped dead. Even though they thought that buying was what they wanted very much, and even though this particular house fit most of their dreams, they did not make an offer because they just couldn't.

Well, now that we've got you worried, what should you do? Are you going to be paralyzed? Probably not. But what if you are? Then you won't buy a house.

If you want a house of your own, if you have enough money, if you concentrate fully on your goal, chances are good that you can make it happen. You'll get past your anguish and enjoy the relief. "At least it's done. Right or wrong, I bought it."

The house you buy won't be perfect, but you'll make it work. You'll repair the porch, or you won't. You'll build bookshelves, or get rid of your books. You'll learn to cook on an electric stove, or you'll manage to get a gas one.

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Planting by the moon

■ Your lunar to do list for the weekend of April 26 and 27

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Saturday and Sunday the moon is in the sign of Pisces
There is nothing specific to plant this weekend.

Later in the Week

Monday moon in sign of Leaf Lettuce: harvest and cultivate a Leaf Lettuce that can be harvested several weeks after planting. The outer leaves are best harvested with a pair of scissors. You can repeat this weekly until the plant(s) goes to seed or bolts. **Wednesday and Thursday** the moon is in the sign of Taurus. Other things to do

■ The Splitite Bug is the critter that generates all the foam or spit you see on many different plants. It does little damage and should disappear in four weeks. In the meanwhile, I would just wash the plants off with plain water. A Splitite Bug is a sure sign that spring has arrived.

■ When the flowers begin to fade, move Easter Lily plants outside. Continue to water and fertilize them like another flowering plant until the foliage turns yellow. Once the foliage dies and easily separates from the ground, store the bulbs, pot and all in a cool dry location.

The bulbs can be removed from the pot and planted in a shady location next February. Also, Easter Lilies will never bloom again at Easter. Its normal blooming time is June.

■ When selecting tomato plants to plant, the best ones are not necessary the short, new transplants. I like the tall plants as I can plant them up to the second set of leaves from the top. Tomatoes will develop roots off the stem. Also, they do not suffer transplant shock in hot windy weather.

■ And finally, to prevent ants from climbing up and down your trees and shrubs apply Pest Barrier or Tangiefoot to the trunk. A two-inch band around the diameter will prevent the ants from getting into the canopy.

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Built in 1858 of volcanic rock, this is now the headquarters of the country club. It has a segmented roof lines, dentil molding along the cornice line, a hippocampus finial, and shelf molding above the square lattice doors.

In the 1920s, the house was remodeled, and a garage was added around the one; the interior was remodeled in the Colonial Revival style.

Anyone interested in the grounds and exterior of these privately owned Pioneer Era houses, should contact Mary Highham, of the Alameda County Historical Society, which can be reached at 707-868-2200.

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available and what to consider when selecting materials, also go into detail about design and maintaining your deck.

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Oakland's in-law rules should stress safety

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you own, live in, or are considering buying a home with an in-law unit, be aware that Oakland is in the process of revising its regulations. The city is doing its best to conform with a new state effective July 1. This legislation restricts local controls on "secondary (in-law) units" in residential areas.

There are many issues to consider and Oaklanders will have varying opinions on how to handle them. Among the concerns are

parking, neighborhood density, noise and pollution. Number one on the list should be fire and poisonous gas safety in the unit, but do not count on this getting sufficient attention.

A room cannot be considered a bedroom if the sole access to the hot water heater and/or furnace is through that room.

A bedroom cannot be located with a door opening into a garage.

Insurance troubles: Regardless of what action the city takes, it is prudent to tell your insurance agent about the in-law if you own or are thinking about purchasing a home with such a unit. If you do not divulge this information, you could find yourself without insurance if an occupant of your unit causes damage or, even worse, is injured or dies.

Oakland's proposed changes: The city has prepared a list of "proposed zoning regulation changes" for secondary units. This check list compares Oakland's current rules to new state mandates and planned changes. Items covered include permit requirements, owner occupancy, unit floor area, parking, and street emergency access.

Occupant fire and poisonous gas safety are not mentioned on the list. This oversight is worrisome.

Final thoughts: The subject of legalizing in-laws is about more than providing additional housing or helping homeowners pay a portion of their mortgage with rental income. It goes beyond parking, pollution or density.

Without question, the dominant issue is the duty of our city government to only allow secondary units that will be safe for their occupants. Doing less is unacceptable.

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■ A home's curb appeal can have significant affect on the sale

INMAN NEWS FEATURES

Curb appeal—the way a home appears from the street—can have a big effect on the sale price of a listing. Homes that show well on the outside tend to attract buyers' attention. On the other hand, a listing that lacks good curb presence can be difficult to sell.

Some buyers are more influenced by curb appeal than others. A buyer who wants the world to know how successful he or she is might be inclined toward a listing that makes a showy statement from the street. Such a buyer would gravitate toward stately and architecturally impressive homes.

Other buyers put curb appeal lower on their priority list. If they value their privacy, they may prefer a home that attracts little attention. The home's interior qualities and setting are far more important to such people.

You may have heard your agent say that a listing is not a drive-by. This means that the exterior of the property does not accurately reflect what the home has to offer. In other words, what you don't see from the street is far more impressive than what you do see from the street. If you're trying to sell such a property, the key to a successful marketing effort is to get as many agents and buyers into the property as possible.

Agent and public open houses are helpful in this regard. Buyers who refuse to make an appointment to see a listing that has marginal curb appeal are often willing to drop by to see the listing on their own a Sunday open house. Having a photo tour online for buyers to preview can also help sell the home to a reluctant buyer, particularly if the interior space or grounds have a lot to offer.

HOME SELLER TIP: There are ways to improve curb appeal if your home does not show well from the street. First impressions are lasting. So, eliminate any signs of deferred

maintenance that are likely to turn off a prospective buyer. Remove and replace dead landscaping, repaint where necessary and give some thought to adding architectural interest.

For example, some plain-looking houses are improved with the addition of shutters. If you need to repaint the exterior, talk to a color consultant who can recommend paint colors that will enhance the curb appeal. Replacing a chain-link fence with an attractive wood fence can add architectural interest.

Curb appeal by itself doesn't ensure a quick and profitable sale. Some homes are better on the outside than they are on the inside. A home that exudes architectural distinctiveness and charm on the outside might disappoint prospective buyers if the inside doesn't live up to the buyers' expectations.

Recently a home in a desirable neighborhood of Oakland was listed for sale. It was a charming Cape Cod style with a beautiful front garden. The owner had been told many times by passersby that they

would be interested in buying the house if the sellers ever decided to sell.

The listing did not draw the multiple offers the sellers had hoped for because the interior was dated. Enthusiastic buyers became discouraged as soon as they walked through the front door. Another listing with great curb appeal suffered because it appeared to be much larger from the street than it actually was inside. From a sales standpoint, it's better for buyers to discover that a home is larger than they expected, not smaller.

THE CLOSING: In situations like these, it's important to set a realistic asking price for the property. Buyers' disappointment can usually be overcome by a good price.

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Income property 2003: A look at West Contra Costa County

BY DAVID KUCHENTHAL
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Residential multi-family income property is holding its own in 2003. There have been many sales in the greater West Contra Costa areas that have been strong evidence that income units are not falling in value. Both one-to-four unit conforming buildings, and commercial five or more unit properties are both holding their own in today's market.

RENTS

There has been a softening of rent in many areas. Specifically, units that are par or sub-par, one and two bedroom rentals in multi-family dwellings. Between 1999 and 2002 tenants stood in

line to rent these as there were very few units available. Now these box style buildings, with lesser square footage, and in less desirable areas are not pulling the high rents they pulled during rental market rage.

A tenant can now pick and choose between areas and rents, along with amenities the building presents.

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closed garages, laundry rooms or stack washer-dryer appliances in the unit, etc.

Some of the other amenities were designated parking or security parking, and security ingress and egress. These units were typically near transportation such as BART, freeway access, and easy shopping.

The age and maintenance of the units also had an impact on the maintaining of the upper rents.

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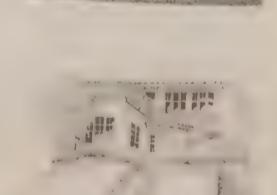
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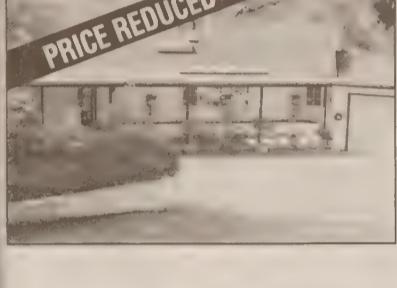
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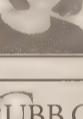


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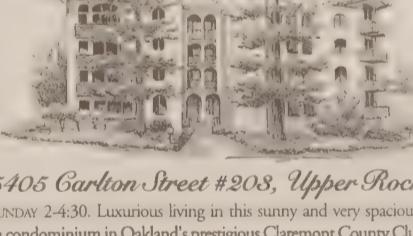
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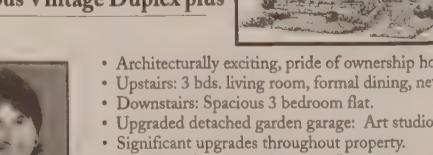
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FAIRLANE DR. (Open 2-4:30)
and 1997 Mediterranean on broad landscaped site. 4BR/4.5BA, study, family room, play rooms, 3 car garage, panoramic views. Gina Erck x1339

MONTCCLAIR \$1,395,000
OCEAN VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Custom Craftsman. 3+BR/2BA, sunroom, gourmet kitchen, cherry floors, large patio, level yard, excellent location. Dee Knowland x1318

MONTCCLAIR \$1,295,000
BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Mediterranean style home with large kitchen, cherry floors, 4BR/2.5BA, near BART. Jennie A. Flanagan x1314

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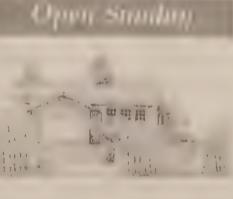
**PIEDMONT \$1,225,000**

226 SAN CARLOS AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Charming Brown Shingle rich in architectural detail. 3+BR/2.5BA, updated kitchen opens to family room, French doors to large level yard. Georgia Cornell x1325

MONTCCLAIR \$1,099,000
1225 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
Stylish new home w/ high ceilings, cherry floors & artistic stonework. Large family room opens to garden. Close to Montclair Village. 4BR/3.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331

MONTCCLAIR \$899,000
7455 WOODROW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Near Montclair Village. Stunning 2 yr. old home w/impeccable finishes & enchanting outdoor spaces. 3+BR/2.5BA, family & sunroom. Nancy Moore x1302

MONTCCLAIR \$799,000
32 SYLVAN WAY (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! 3+BR/2BA, family room, "Granny's house" in good condition; needs some updating. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

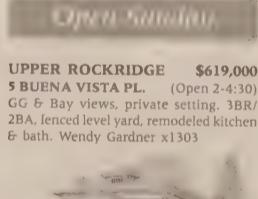
**BERKELEY \$775,000**

944 EUCLID AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Private hill retreat. Beautifully updated & remodeled. Hardwood floors, level back yard. French doors to deck & garden. 3BR/3BA. Mary Montali x1350

OAKLAND \$759,000
2004 10TH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Large Tudor Revival by architect Albert Farr. Redwood & cherry wood details, 5+BR/4BA. Grand living rm, spacious dining rm, lib, study & entry. Large FR. Historical gem! Rich Gould x1347

UPPER OAKMORE \$699,000
2134 BRAEMAR RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Spacious traditional on quiet cul-de-sac w/hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, family room, bonus room & level yard. 3BR/3BA. Steven Biasatti x1379

RIDGEMONT \$689,000
6206 VIEWCREST DR. (Open 2-4:30)
4BR/3BA, maple floors, sunny kitchen with island, large family room opens to wonderful patio, level lawn & garden. Robyn Mohr x1310

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$619,000**

5 BUENA VISTA PL. (Open 2-4:30)
GG & Bay views, private setting. 3BR/2BA, fenced level yard, remodeled kitchen & bath. Wendy Gardner x1303

ROCKRIDGE \$595,000
636 62ND ST. (Open 2-4:30)
First Open Sunny 2BR bungalow. Original vintage detailing, updated kitchen & bath, sunroom, deck, garden, basement w/expansion possibilities. Joanna Hirsch x1366

BERKELEY \$559,000
20 MENLO PL. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Quintessential Thousand Oaks cottage surrounded by pretty gardens & trees. Charming 2BR/1BA. Light & airy. Shows beautifully. Leslie Easterday x1363

OAKLAND HILLS \$549,000
3030 BROADMOOR VW. (Open 2-4:30)
Panorama bay view, 3 levels, 4BR/3.5BA, family room, rumpus, 2 car attached garage, approx. 2500 sq. ft. Master suite, decks & level yard. Kathy Flynn x1317

BERKELEY \$537,000
2430 5TH ST., UNIT I (Open 2-4:30)
Spacious light-filled wonderful 3 story live/work space w/SF view! Live up, work down or live in both 1+BR/2BA. Near 4th St. shopping. Joanne Gould x1346

**BERKELEY \$1,449,000**

Beautifully restored Claremont traditional with much architectural detail. Updated kitchen and baths, 4 fireplaces. 3+BR/3.5BA. Mary Montali x1350

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$949,000
Bay view lot, privacy. Approximately 12,800 square feet. One mile walk to BART. David Ichikawa x1331

SAN LEANDRO \$519,000
Lovely 3BR/2BA in Estudillo Estates. Fabulous floor plan, lots of light, formal dining room, family room, eat-in kitchen, large level patio & garden. Candy Benny x1328

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$479,000
Story book tudor with gracious formal rooms. 2BR/1BA + plus room, level garden. Jeanine Weller x1329

BERKELEY LOT \$250,000
Gentle upslope in sought-after North Berkeley location w/SF view. Nancy Norman x1373

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**571 Miner Road, Orinda**

New Listing. This grand traditional is majestically situated on 1.02 acres at the end of an enchanting private gated drive. There are four bedrooms/three and one half baths including a luxurious master suite with fireplace. Enjoy the comfortable study, stunning living room with soaring ceilings, fireplace and built-ins, formal dining room that opens to an expansive terrace, with vistas of the landscaped garden, pool and spa.

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A masterpiece of contemporary architecture. 4+ bedrooms, 3.5 baths, library, & family room, 4,200 sq ft. All rooms open to patios or gardens in a beautiful natural setting.

**644 San Fernando - Berkeley Open Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 \$625,000**

Sunny 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in beautiful Thousand Oaks. Close to Solano Avenue restaurants, shops, bookstores, & theatre. Large kitchen opens directly onto garden patio.

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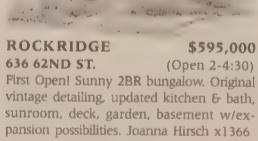
UPPER DIMOND \$489,000
3990 FOREST HILL (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! Sunny & bright 2+BR/1BA bungalow with two bonus rooms and large, lovely backyard with two patios and new deck. Nancy Chew x1342

EL SOBRANTE \$439,000
5764 AMEND ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Designer perfect one level family home on large corner lot. 3BR/2BA, fireplace, master suite.. Michelle Vasey x1359

OAKLAND \$439,000
543 AILEEN ST. (Open 2-4:30)
First Open Idora Park 2+BR/1BA split level Mediterranean beauty. Hardwood floors, Wolf range, fireplace, large level yard. Michelle Vasey x1359

NORTH OAKLAND \$429,000
633 57TH ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New listing! 2+BR/1BA Craftsman charmer with gorgeous garden, hardwood floors, original fireplace and sun room. Tom Nemeth. x1381

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Sales

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1514 Santa Clara St - \$343,000
 315 South 15th St - \$264,000
 133 South 4th St - \$229,000
 4812 Wall Av - \$325,000

SAN LEANDRO

1315 136th Av - \$360,000
 1465 141st Av - \$280,000
 1705 151st Av - \$520,000
 1641 159th Av - \$425,000
 1263 Alder Creek - \$530,000
 1273 Alder Creek - \$555,500
 1275 Alder Creek - \$531,000
 13706 Bancroft Av - \$255,500
 708 Burditt St - \$247,000
 710 Burditt St - \$247,000
 721 Burditt St - \$625,500
 725 Burditt St - \$546,000
 3960 Carmel Wy - \$419,000
 15313 Central Av - \$380,000
 55 Cornwall Wy - \$401,000
 14629 Doolittle Dr - \$267,000
 1685 Hickory Av - \$355,000
 929 Hoard St - \$395,000
 978 Hutchings Dr - \$319,000
 1756 London Av - \$390,000
 16367 Saratoga 204E - \$250,000
 14818 Sylvan Wy - \$360,000
 15285 Upton Av - \$415,000
 16220 Windsor Dr - \$439,000
 3895 Yorkshire St - \$255,000

SAN LORENZO

524 Doane St - \$360,000
 17287 Via Estrella - \$287,000
 17452 Via Estrella - \$350,000
 17351 Via La Jolla - \$369,000
 17051 Via Margarita - \$335,000
 16103 Via Media - \$355,000
 663 Via Mirabel - \$370,000
 17055 Via P'timpo - \$200,000
 15915 Via Pinale - \$350,000
 15703 Via Punta - \$370,000

By the numbers**ALAMEDA**

TOTAL SALES: 15
 LOWEST PRICE: \$204,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$660,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$509,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$480,767

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$349,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$730,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$477,250

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OPEN 2-4:30**1138 DRURY ROAD \$1,450,000**

Clairemont Hills. Beautiful new arts & crafts contemporary with drop dead panoramic views! Showcase kitchen, great colors, rich woods & unsurpassed workmanship. Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228

**152 TAURUS AVE. \$1,450,000**

Montclair. Gorgeous Panoramic view home. Quiet street off Broadway Terrace, great commute, close to Montclair shops. Big bold & beautiful. Just under 4,000 sq. ft. complete in-law, gourmet kitchen, two fireplaces, 4-BD & large patios on three levels for outdoor entertainment. Doris Taboloff 925-943-1187

6959 CHARING CROSS \$1,149,000

Oakland Hills. REDUCED! Spacious & light-filled new home! Dramatic open floor plan includes 4BD/3.5BA, huge rumpus room, dining rotunda & eat-in kitchen off family room. Fabulous colors & finishes. Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251

6350 CONTRA COSTA \$999,000

Upper Rockridge. Spectacular four bedroom, four bath, 3200 sq. ft. charmer. Its fabulous floor plan has been accented with subtle colors that appeal to most. Light-filled rooms, magnificent living room & huge family room. Pedram Karbassi 531-7000 x090

**35 BAY FOREST COURT \$995,000**

Oakland Hills. REDUCED! Stylish living with this luxurious view home. You won't find a better value! Over 3200 sq. ft., 4+BD/3.5BA, gourmet kitchen, huge bonus room can be 2nd master or media room, hot tub, more! Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232

OPEN 2-4:30**75 STARVIEW \$689,000**

Hiller Highlands. New Listing! Beautiful townhome with bay views and terrific floor plan. 3BD/2.5 BA including romantic master suite with fireplace. Wendy or Mary 531-7000

1370 BARROWS RD \$595,000

Crocker Highlands. Handsomely refined 3BD/1+BA traditional in prestigious Trestle Glen area. Gleaming hwd floors, updated kit., new roof, new paint in & out, lots of charm. Close to Lakeshore/Grand Ave. shopping, dining & cinemas. Easy access to Hwy 13 & 580. Heidi Tugge 531-7000 x286

748 MANDANA BLVD \$499,000

Crocker Highlands. Sunny & delightful two bedroom Crocker traditional in move-in condition. Updated eat-in kitchen with glass doors to private deck. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. New foundation & drainage, new exterior & interior paint. Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

2021-2023 14th AVENUE \$490,000

New China Town. Duplex of 3BD/1BA 1043 sq. ft. floor plan. Remodeled windows, hardwood floors, kitchens. Separately metered for water, gas and electricity. Very low expenses. Catherine Vallee 531-7000 x246

708 45th STREET \$310,000

North Oakland. Triplex. Three one-bedroom units with unique characteristics, claw foot tubs. Near BART. One vacant. Good potential for owner-occupier or investor. Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246

OPEN 2-5:30**95 EMERY BAY DRIVE \$245,000**

Emeryville. 1st Open Delightful top floor 2BD/1BA condo w/fireplace, new carpet & a lovely balcony in a park like setting. If you are looking for a serene & tranquil setting, you've found it right in the midst of hustling & bustling Emeryville. Close to everything, EZ commute to S.F. Heidi Tugge 531-7000 x286

425 ORANGE STREET #202 \$190,000

Adams Point. Price reduced on already super affordable condol! Bright and sunny, new kitchen appliances, updated bath. Tracy Butler 531-7000 x232

COMING SOON**WONDERFUL 2-STORY BROWN SHINGLE**

With original arts and crafts detail just a block from the lake. Three bedrooms, formal dining room, with wainscoting, fireplace in living room, beamed ceilings, enclosed sun porch overlooking terrace back yard. Quality and charm! Kate Meadow 531-7000 x288

BY APPOINTMENT**GRACIOUS NEW HOME! \$1,315,000**

Montclair. Grand-sized rooms abound in rich colors, exceptional privacy and views of canyon & bay. Three bedrooms, three full baths, marvelous home office/media room. Luxurious master suite & bath. Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251

ENCHANTING MEDITERRANEAN \$485,000

Upper High Street Terrace. With many fine architectural details, two bedrooms plus office/sunroom, knotty pine family room, high beamed ceilings, formal dining & breakfast nook, large pretty backyard.

Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242

HAVE IT YOUR WAY! \$50,000-\$60,000

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Open Sunday 2-4:30. A sunny and spacious Piedmont traditional home with lovely windows and architectural details. Three plus bedrooms upstairs, a wonderful private garden, ample storage and a garage.

Offered at \$785,000**ERIKA CELESTRE**

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A sampling of our current listings:**Inner Mission**

Unique live/work loft, designed for & by artists, with dramatic 14' ceilings in the converted Allied Box Factory bldg. 1 BD + a large office that could be a 2nd BD. Designer kitchen with custom maple cabinets & stainless steel appliances. Loft storage area & 1 car covered parking. \$529,000

**Diamond**

Adorable 1bd two bedroom + office craftsman bungalow, nestled behind a lush front garden and white picket fence. Updated bath. Remodeled kitchen with energy Star appliances. Landscaped backyard. Walking distance to Piedmont and Lake Merritt. This is truly a MUST SEE!! \$399,000

**Golden Gate Heights**

Wonderful 3 bedroom/2 bath home on the cusp of Golden Gate Heights with views to Marin & the Bay. Main level has formal living & dining rooms, remodeled kitchen with stainless steel appliances, 1 bath & 2 bedrooms (one with deck access). Lower level has office/den, 3rd bedroom and 2nd bath plus access to garage and laundry with plenty of storage. \$689,000

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BY APPOINTMENT**SPACIOUS DUPLEX**

North Oakland. Updated kitchen, 2 bathrooms. Upper unit is 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, lower unit is 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom. Large yard. One garage off-street access in driveway. Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x228

AS FAR AS YOU CAN SEE

View lot Bay and city lights, see to it. Make us offer, own something to show off in the Claremont Hills, close to shopping, everything. Heidi Karsley 531-7000 x295

NEARLY LEVEL LOT!

Heart of Montclair. Last undeveloped Robin Hood Way. Approximately 105 feet of frontage. Utilities in reports available, zoned R30. Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

JEWELL CT. - BAY VIEW LOTS!

"Path of Progress" lot opportunity! This parcel has easily accessible lots on street, side by side, across from 5500 Rte 80 off Sheppard Canyon Rd. Peter Nicolopoulos 531-7000 x248

FONTAINE STREET

.40 Acres. Gently sloped. South facing, electric, water located in street. Sewer requires extension. Top map available. R30. Frank Hennefer 531-7000 x235

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Montclair. Grand-sized rooms abound in rich colors, exceptional privacy and views of canyon & bay. Three bedrooms, three full baths, hardwood floors, FDR, eat-in kitchen and family room, very private entry courtyard. A rare find. Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251

TEMESCAL VICTORIAN \$575,000

Temescal. Six legal units, great for income, or could be converted to large home plus two units. Anne Bruff 531-7000 x228

ENCHANTING MEDITERRANEAN \$485,000

Upper High Street Terrace. With many fine architectural details, two bedrooms plus office/sunroom, knotty pine family room, high beamed ceilings, formal dining & breakfast nook, large pretty backyard.

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Oakland

1000 930 Pine St. Single level 1
bed, 1 bath, off street parking.
\$10,814-4708

1004 Orange St. 106, Easy
PENDING near 580
Living room.
Great investment!
\$10,814-4718

Mountain View Ave., Lot with
View Private and secluded.
homes in area. Above hwy 13.
\$10,814-4854

1458 34th St. Beautiful
concrete counters and radiant
heat. Garage and off St.
Kathy 510-814-4708

1814 41st Ave. OPEN
1-level bungalow with
fresh interior paint,
ba floor in kitchen
I car detached garage
off street parking spaces.
\$10,814-4692

2380 108th Ave. Updated
bungalow, 2-bd, 1.5ba, new
paint, new carpets, new
heat & new back lawn
\$10,814-4873

3366 34th St. Live-work in
converted Victorian. New
can be used residential
Randy 510-814-4706

2020 Rosedale Ave. 1st
Sun 24, Natural wood galore!
2bd, 1ba bungalow with
wood, wainscoting, built-in
hutch with leaded
country size kitchen.
\$10,814-4817

San Leandro

\$38,000 563 Dowling Blvd. Charming
cottage, 2bd, 1-1/4 ba, formal dining,
hardwood floors, built-ins, crown molding
and a LARGE backyard. A real must see.
George 510-814-8911

\$399,900 328 Hass Ave., Split level 3bd, 1
ba, bungalow with natural wood in living &
dining rooms, hardwood firs under carpet,
pocket doors, large eat-in kitchen. Huge
yard! Bev 510-814-4830

Oakland

\$375,000 3318 Maple Ave., Laurel
District. 1-Level, 2bd/1ba home with
hardwood floors in living room and
both bedrooms. 2-Car garage. Martha
510-814-4828

\$415,000 3707 Vine Ave.
Charming 2-bd, 1ba, new paint and
refinished hardwood floors, new
roof, new kitchen, vinyl, tile counter, &
Wedgewood stove. Bright sunroom, large
yard, and garage. Chuck 510-814-4847

\$440,000 423 Athol Ave., 1-level
bungalow, 2-bd, 1ba, new paint inside
and out, refinished hardwood floors, new
roof, new kitchen, vinyl, tile counter, &
Wedgewood stove. Bright sunroom, large
yard, and garage. Chuck 510-814-4847

\$469,000 4400 Park Blvd. 2 bd, 1 ba
Craftsman in Wellington District, Formal
dining room, long driveway for off St.
parking. Super Yard. Loraine 510-814-4716

Hayward

\$369,000 2596 Ocala St., 1-level 4bd,
2ba home in well kept neighborhood.
Fenced yard, 2-car garage. Close to
880. Martha 510-814-4828

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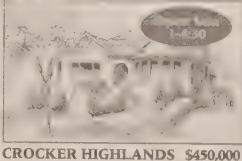
\$575,000

SUN 2 - 4:30
5268 Lawton Ave
3 BR 2 BA + income unit. Three blocks
from College Ave. Expanded kitchen, large
sunroom, hardwood floors, fireplace,
multi-pane windows. Separate retrof.
Holy Rose 510.486.1495



\$475,000

SUN 2 - 4:30
805 Walavista Ave.
2 BR 1 BA First opened 1922 Traditional
with charm! FDR, eat-in kitchen, HWF, FP,
LR w/built-in cases for your treasures. Near
Lakeshore shops, tennis courts.
Ruby Ng 510.339.4700



\$450,000

SUN 1 - 4:30
798 Calmar Ave.
4 BR 2 BA Almost original condition.
Formal living room w/FPR, FP & separate
breakfast nook, hardwood firs, garage
w/interior access, full & peek of Bay views.
Victor Ratto 510.339.4700



\$299,900

SUN 2 - 4
EL CERRITO
5709 Lassen St
2 BR 1.5 BA Perfect starter or income
property! Big garage & lot. Far-in-kitch.
Ipple Albany Hill! Nr public trans. BART &
shopping. More info at IMakeYourMove.com
Bobbie Giarratana 510.486.1495

FIRST OPENS

OAKLAND HILLS

137 Kimberlin Heights Dr.
Sun 2 - 4:30

\$869,000

3 BR 3 BA Big views! Oversized, level yard, open floor plan
with many upgrades; formal dining & living rooms, quaint
breakfast nook.

Terry Anthony

EL CERRITO

1237 King Dr
Sun 2 - 5

\$659,000

3 BR 1.5 BA Stylish charmer w/ stunning views! Huge, pvt
lot. Quality upgrades throughout. Gourmet kitchen open to deck
overlooking the Bay! Nr golf, trails & parks.

Nancy Rechert

KENSINGTON

212 Kenyon Ave
Sun 2 - 5

\$620,000

2 BR 1 BA Charming starter! Open & spacious flr plan!
Dramatic LR w/gorgeous views! Upgraded kitchen & new
deck! Huge dwndrs "plus" area, dbl garage, workshop.

Marilyn Garcia

MONTCLAIR

13049 Broadway Terrace
Sun 1 - 4

\$519,000

2+ BR 1 BA Charming Montclair Cottage. Plus room off
master chef's kitchen w/sliding & granite, updated bath, huge
redone deck, large workshop, serene outdoors.

Becky Andersen

LINCOLN HEIGHTS

4121 Rhoda Ave
Sun 2 - 5

\$469,000

3+ BR 2.5 BA Handsome mid-century home needs your
vision! Bay views, 2 fireplaces, large rumpus room w/ wet
bar, 2-car attached garage & workshop. Great value!

George Karsant

RICHMOND

646 30th St
Sun 1 - 4

\$351,000

3 BR 2 BA A slice of heaven! Romantic master suite, prv
grdn, hot tub, light airy. Fresh exterior paint and
landscaping. Det. garage. Easy commute, near trans.

Genele Maggiora

NORTH BERKELEY

1584 Milvia St
Sun 2 - 4

\$275,000

5 BR 1.5 BA 1st time ever on mrkt! Spacious two story
traditional tucked away in a corner of the Gourmet Gheto.
Needs some imagination & TLC but great "bones".

Rita Zwerdling

CLAREMONT HILLS

7112 Westmoreland
Sun 2 - 4:30

\$969,000

4 BR 3.5 BA Priced to sell! New construction - Views of the
Bay; incredible space, cathedral ceilings, gourmet kitchen,

private guest suite, high-end finishes.

David Eckert

CLAREMONT HILLS

7345 Buckingham Blvd.
Sun 2 - 4:30

\$765,000

4 BR 3 BA Striking contemporary w/dramatic architectural

detail. Open floor plan, terrific natural light, some views too!

Don't miss this one.

Karen Lum

OAKLAND HILLS

5247 Saddle Brook Dr.
Sun 2 - 5

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Jeanne McHugh

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Ruby Ng

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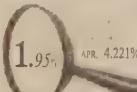
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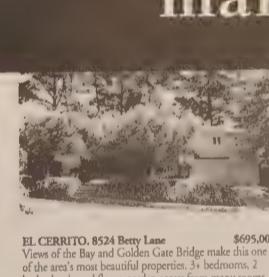
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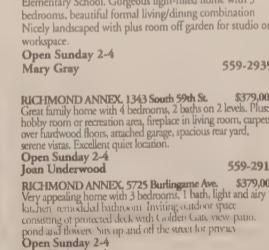
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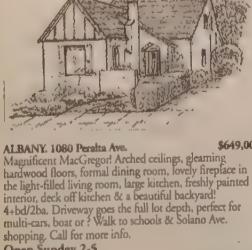
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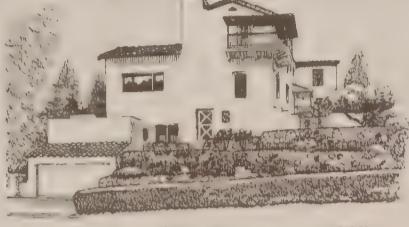
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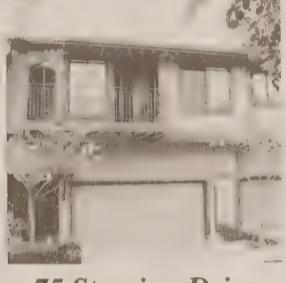
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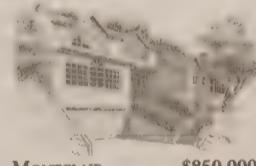
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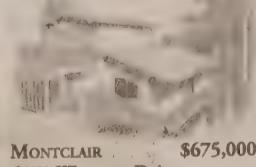
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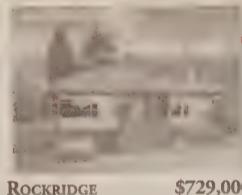
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Section C

CAL NOTEBOOK
Richmond
coach is
frustrated
by umpires

By Orlando Molina
STAFF WRITER
Things got a little testy on
the field last week when
Richmond High
softball team pulled its
off the field in the mid-
game because of what
coach Darryl Robinson
"poorumpiring."
The incident took place on
at Richmond as the
look on De Anza in
a Contra Costa Athletic
play. The Oilers, who
hadn't batted in four
of the fifth inning
when Robinson, fed up
with his complaints,
said the home plate
seemed extremely
and inexperienced. Fur-
ther, he said the umpire
was inconsistent, frequently
calling balls and strikes.
He sent an 18-year-old
to jump the game, "Robinson
said. "He didn't know what
he was doing. He generally did
not follow the rules and couldn't
keep his mind. They keep
the worst umpires to
us."
A specific example,
he said the umpire lost
the count at one point
and the visiting
for confirmation. Later
the same umpire made
a call on a play, calling
a foul ball well after
it resulted in an out.
Robinson made it clear that
complaints reflect no ill
toward De Anza and
problems rest solely
on the umpires.
"I don't take anything away from De Anza. I just couldn't
any more," he said. "De
Anza, I have no problem with the team."
After the game, Robinson
called to file a complaint
with the Mid-County Of-
fice, but so far
had his messages re-
turned by the Times
or the association's contact
Dan Hughey for com-
ments. The outcome of the
ACCAL commissioner
was said Wednesday that
will pick up a loss in
the standings. But he
is looking into whether
she should be seen as a
part of the Oilers' part. If
the case, the ruling will
be some notable individ-
ual performances.
Dons' Janna Diaz went
two home runs, includ-
ing a slam, and five RBI.
She notched two ACCAL
on April 17 with the
team taking a 48-24 win
in a time of 20.21 sec-
onds. Another Andrew Larson
was a winner in the 200-
style in 2:06.92. In addition,
Adrian Flores picked up
one ACCAL, Page 2

Baseball at all levels provides memories

LAST WEDNESDAY'S Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League baseball thriller between El Cerrito and Encinal high schools at the latter's Willie Stargell Field produced an extraordinary comeback.

El Cerrito, down 10-1 at one juncture, came back to beat the Jets 14-10. From a fan's perspective, this was baseball at its best, even though a light drizzle fell through most of the game.

A day later, Bishop O'Dowd trounced host San Lorenzo 15-0 despite a hard, cold wind that blew in from right field.

Major League Baseball began its season three weeks ago. The high school season now is half over (the season goes by much too quickly), and the early part of the season gets swallowed by the basketball play-



MIKE MCGREEHAN
Between the Lines

offs). But for one writer, at least, baseball had truly arrived.

Baseball is a game like no other. No other sport holds its history as well as baseball does.

It's fun to reminisce about the great teams of the past. Perhaps that team is the Giants of 1962. Or the Giants that perennially finished second from 1965-69. Or the three World Series titles for the A's in 1972, '73 and '74.

Many of us were not around

during the days of the historic Pacific Coast League, which featured the Oakland Oaks and San Francisco Seals. But some of us are fortunate enough to have older relatives or friends to fill us in about those days.

Baseball connects the generations like no other sport. For those of us who are men, the game is a part of us, something that was a part of our childhoods. We look back happily — though perhaps even with a degree of humility — on our days in sandlots and parks.

During high school and summer league seasons, it's never unusual to see the sons of former schoolmates and other acquaintances on the field. Of course, those kids can play other sports, too. But it's during baseball season that at least one writer finds himself more likely to exchange pleasantries with the parents.

Perhaps it's baseball's special pace. A person can breathe, can sit back and relax — even when the weather is drizzly and/or cold and windy. Old friends can reacquaint themselves, filling in the gaps between pitches, perhaps keeping score and developing a story line all the while.

The El Cerrito-Encinal and O'Dowd-San Lorenzo game stories seemed to write themselves. The words flowed. Perhaps it was the sheer joy of meeting an old friend again — the game itself.

This month, Bay Area baseball fans celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Giants' first game in San Francisco. And the 35th anniversary of the A's first game in Oakland. In addition to going to ballparks, we go to libraries to

read more about the game. We check box scores in the newspapers and absorb some of the more interesting features in magazines and other publications.

At the major league level — as is the case for most professional sports these days — the game has become more corporate, the business aspect overshadowing the things that go on between the white lines.

Those moguls, though, can't kill a great sport.

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PLAY BALL: Attention, all of you former Lincoln Lions, Edison Indians, Krus Colts, Godfrey Gophers or whatever Alameda Recreation and Park

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Gauchos take easy route to big win

■ El Cerrito dominates St. Mary's in the Alhambra Easter Classic; Ball has winning RBI as Albany tops College Park

By Bill Kruissink

TIMES STAFF WRITER

The El Cerrito High School baseball team is on some strange tear.

PREP BASEBALL

In Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League games last week, the Gauchos (11-3) rallied past Alameda for a 7-6, 10-inning win on April 15. A day later, the Gauchos rallied from a nine-run deficit to top Encinal 14-10.

By comparison, what the Gauchos did to St. Mary's (8-5) on Saturday was almost a breather.

Playing in the opening round of the Alhambra Easter Classic, the Gauchos jumped out to a 10-0 lead and cruised to an 11-2 victory.

Behind four innings of one-hit ball from freshman left-hander Mario Hollands (2-1) and three innings of two-hit relief from Tristan Cheever, the Gauchos were in control all the way.

"We're feeling really good right now. Not a lot of teams can beat us," Hollands said.

The Panthers have been as frustrated as the Gauchos have been good.

"The last five or six games we haven't been scoring runs," said St. Mary's outfielder Kenny Griffin, who had two of the Panthers'

See BASEBALL, Page 2



EL CERRITO'S Randy Minix drives the ball for a deep out against Encinal last week.

SHERRY LAVARS/STAFF

Hollans, Roberson tossed off their college teams

■ USC, Arizona women's basketball teams dismiss the ex-Berkeley teammates

By Jennifer Starks

TIMES STAFF WRITER

USC guard Aisha Hollans and Arizona guard Robin Roberson, both former standouts at Berkeley High School, have been dismissed from their teams, it was confirmed last week.

Members of the Trojans' athletic department said Hollans was released for numerous violations of team policies. She has been given the option to stay at USC on scholarship but not be a

part of the team. She also could transfer to another school.

Hollans, the 2000 Times Female Athlete of the Year and Girls Basketball Player of the Year, could not be reached for comment. Team officials said she has yet to decide whether to transfer. The transfer release, a document that enables other programs to communicate with Hollans, was sent to other schools earlier this week.

"This was a very difficult decision to make, though we felt that it was the best decision for the program," USC coach Chris Gobrecht said. "The team and the staff care a great deal for Aisha

and wish her best."

Hollans, a preseason All-American candidate, started 11 games and played in 25 her junior season.

She averaged 12.5 points, 6.0 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game.

Those numbers pale in comparison to what she did as a sophomore.

Hollans led the team and was second in the Pac-10 in scoring at 17.6 points per game.

She started 27 of 29 games that year and was named first-team All-Pac-10.

Arizona coach Joan Bonvicini confirmed Roberson's dismissal

but would say only that it was not academically related.

She also said Roberson will remain on campus through the semester.

Roberson could not be reached for comment.

While with the Wildcats, Roberson played in 26 of 31 games but saw little court time this season. She averaged 10.1 minutes per game.

Roberson was first-team All-Times in 2001.

Times staff writer Marcus Thompson II contributed to this story.

Gabriela Rios-Sotelo of St. Mary's is second in the region with a time of 5 minutes, 6.10 seconds in the 1,600. Lisa Crampton of Granada leads the region with a time of 4:57.27.

Chandra Johnson of Salesian is fifth in the shot put with a mark of 35-5½. Jere' Summers of Berkeley leads in this event with a put of 41-9.

BASKETBALL

ST. JOSEPH TO CHOOSE NEW COACH: The application deadline for the St. Joseph

Notre Dame boys basketball coaching opening ended April 11. Athletic director Dan Curry said "11 or 12" applications have been received and initial screening will start the last week of April. Curry hopes that a decision will be made sometime in the first two weeks of May.

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Lacrosse experience pays off for Yellow Jackets

PREP LACROSSE

The Yellow Jackets' program has been strong even longer than 12 years. In 1989, the squad won a state championship as a club team.

Berkeley hopes to rise to similar heights this season. If experience is a key to success, the Yellow Jackets have that in abundance. Berkeley has seven senior starters and 13 seniors on the 27-player roster.

"Senior leadership makes or breaks a team — the example they set in practice, hustle, dedication," Brownlow said.

Julian Coffman, a senior mid-

fielder, has size and shooting ability.

"He's a left-hander and he just has a cannon of a shot," Brownlow said.

Cameron Sampson is another tall, talented player for the Yellow Jackets.

"He's so fast and so big, he can go through people," Brownlow said.

Senior Owen Goldstrom's combination of size and outstanding footwork makes him an excellent defender. He also was named the Times Defensive Player of the Year in football for 2002.

"Everything that makes him a great football player transfers to

the lacrosse field," Brownlow said.

Senior goalie Monty Carlson is also a standout.

"He can consistently stop point-blank shots," Brownlow said.

But Berkeley doesn't just have talented seniors. Brownlow said that junior midfielder Sam Geller is "definitely one of the best players on the West Coast." Geller had scored three goals, including two in the fourth quarter, in a 10-8 nonleague win over Foothill.

"He's a hard worker," Brownlow said. "He is definitely a student of the game."

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BERKELEY HIGH'S Julian Coffman, left, is a senior midfielder who is among the reasons the Yellow Jackets are 10-1 this season.

STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Micro Division

In the first split-squad games of the season, the Jane Hammond Events Stingers, Andronico's Volcanoes and Autumn Press Dolphins ABGSL Micro Division teams played some great softball.

Opposing the Volcanoes, Emma Jordan led off for the Stingers with a line drive, followed by a hit by Maeve Regis, another hit by Maggie Gallagher and one by Hannah Herman.

The Volcanoes also exhibited some good offense and defense. In the third inning, the Volcanoes' Nora Kilian hit a line drive past the infield. Volcanoes player Sophie Green made a strong throw to Talia Rossi in the fifth inning who in turn made a great catch at first base.

Meanwhile at the main diamond, the split-squad Volcanoes team and the opposing Dolphins showed their stuff. Notable batting included a line drive by the Volcanoes Mikaela Bernhardt and a hit by Dolphin Sofia Sinesheimer. Volcano Hannah Bashevkin and Dolphin Molly Cohen each played some fine defense covering first base for their teams during the final inning.

Younger Division

Red Oak Realty Red Rockets 31, On the Beam Dolphins 30; Red Rocket Rachel Burns, who along with Nelle Gray were guest players with the Red Rockets, provided some fine

defense, scooping up grounders at the pitcher's mound. Jennifer Neumann and Cori Labov's defensive work also helped limit the Dolphins' runs in each inning while Barbara McCray slammed two doubles securing a strong lead through the fourth inning.

The Rockets' lead was clipped to one run in the fifth as Dolphins' Francis Whitty dove into the dirt to stop a hard grounder. Pitcher Kate Moore then stopped a runner with a clean throw to Lena Nisan on first. Nisan grabbed two more grounders for outs at first and a three-out finish.

Alliance Graphics Giants 20, Mighty Molars 10: The Giants' defense prevented the Molars from scoring in two of the four innings. In the top of the second inning, Clara Obstfeld fielded and threw to Morgan Rose at third for the first out. Annie Smith adeptly fielded the ball near first base and got the third out.

In the top of the third inning, Katy Lund made an excellent play at first for a critical out. In the top of the fourth inning, Leah Henry got three batters out in quick succession at first base.

The Molars also had some excellent defensive plays. Pitcher Staci Apodaca fielded well in the first inning. Lindsay Baker made a superb play in which she caught a fly ball and then threw to second to com-

plete the double play. Sasha Kramer, Jenna Guffy and Mia Juarez had good defensive plays in the bottom of the fourth.

Dr. Brechner's Canines 23, Redmond Jones Bulldogs 13: A deluge of singles-hitting from both teams formed the base of a game that was decided by the defense. Alexandra Spencer-Wong hit a double in the fourth inning for the Canines. Sadie Oliver-Grey doubled for the Bulldogs in the fourth.

The Canines' Spencer-Wong threw for two outs to Julie Moorad at second in the first inning, and the registered three putouts at first from Moorad in the fifth. Other key plays involved pitcher Elise Hartinger, pitcher Anasra Ridley, and Marina Pickrel at first. For the Bulldogs, two outs at first base by Madeline Salem in the second, quick defensive moves by Sophie Mongeon for cuts at second base in the fifth inning, and good defense by Irene Evans helped prevent things from getting out of hand.

Middle Division

Nelson, Meyer, Kasrovi and Ung Perilous Penguins 6, Ginzberg Video Production Sting Rays 4: Annelise Dohner opened for the Penguins, pitching two scoreless innings in a game that began as a pitchers' duel but later turned into a hitting contest. Zoe Pollock started a rally with a hard-hit ball down the middle, eventually

scoring on a hit by Lily Meryash. With the bases loaded, Katya Schoenbergh hit a single to score two runs. Among the many great defensive plays, Sarah Madden scooped up a hard grounder and with a quick throw to first got the runner out to retire the side.

Sting Rays' pitcher Hannah Port threw two no-hit innings. Sasha Ginzberg hit two doubles and scored two runs. Zoe Oliver-Grey led the defense by catching a pop fly in the first inning. Taylor Ivanich made a key force out at second by fielding the ball and tagging the base. Emma Mongeon fielded a grounder and successfully made out the at first.

Zolo Sharks 8, Sweet Potatoes Cheetahs 7: The evenly-matched Zolo Sharks and Sweet Potatoes Cheetahs battled it out at Codornices Field. Cheetahs' player Carol Sturgeon smacked one into the outfield for a first-inning double for one RBI, then teammate Sabrina Khan kept the Sharks at bay in the bottom half, tagging the lead runner out at third for the last out.

The second inning belonged to the Sharks. Caitlin Taffe caught a fly ball and leapt onto first base to double off the runner. Shortstop Lila Hubbard snagged a pop fly with a backhand catch for the third out. At bat, Kelsey Fredrikson doubled deep to left. Kelly Johnson batted in a run with a single and Jimena Zavala hit

a deep fly ball over the outfielder's head for an inside-the-park home run.

In the third inning, the single-and-RBI combos for Sweet Potatoes were made by Sturgeon, Christie Manning, Eliza Stuber and Angelina Herrera. The Nolo half of the inning was highlighted by doubles from Jenna Archer and Fredrikson. In the bottom of the fifth, the Cheetahs' Kumari Chandra contained the damage making a nice catch in center field.

Zonta Claus 12, Friedman Brueggemeyer Tigers 4: The flying Zonta Clauses shone on defense this sunny day highlighted by three putouts in the first by first baseman Hannah Guile. Rookie Maria Price-Hanson turned in a brilliant pitching job. A single by Zoe Fidler was followed by a triple by Megan Tokunaga. In all, eight Zonta Clauses got hits.

Tigers player Izzy Mayer started her team off by leading off with a double. She stole second and scored when Rose Tantranon-Sato drove her home. Michaela Battwick fielded a hard grounder to get an unassisted out at first. Roz Bathrick answered the challenge by scooping a crucial grounder and throwing to first baseman Sarah Kator for the out.

Older Division

Jesse Young Construction Fillies 10, Prin Chiropractic Baseboners 10:

Baseball

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three hits.

El Cerrito loaded the bases twice in the top of the first but managed to score just two runs. After St. Mary's starter Tyler Nation retired the Gauchos on one hit in the second, El Cerrito went to work in the third.

Kevin Stewart, who had replaced Randy Minix after Minix sprained an ankle in the first, ripped the first pitch he saw to deep center field for a double.

Eleven batters later, El Cerrito had pushed across eight more runs and had a 9-0 lead. The rally featured RBI singles by Kevin Webster and Josh Harvey but profited from four Panthers errors. Nation exited midway through the inning and Alex Jensen (1-3) finished out the game for St. Mary's.

Meanwhile, Hollands was in charge on the hill. Changing speeds and with good location, he tossed three no-hit innings, facing just 10 batters, before yielding a leadoff double to Kenny Griffin in the fourth.

Griffin came around to score, but he was the only run to score against Hollands.

McGreehan

FROM PAGE 1

Department team you might have played on way back when.

Red Bridge Media, a digital video production company based in Moraga, will produce a documentary on the ARPD youth baseball program that ran from 1956 through 1980.

Red Bridge Media founding partner Kim Robles, an Alameda native and 30-year resident of the city, is himself an ARPD alumnus. Robles plans to start shooting the project, entitled "Playball!," in May.

Robles plans to break the documentary into four segments: 1956-59, 1960-64, 1965-69 and 1970-80. He hopes to interview former players and says the project will rely on photos, home movies, news clippings and other memorabilia.

Robles is looking for as many former players as possible. Former ARPD players interested in sharing their stories and memorabilia can contact Robles at 925-759-2090.

"Playball!" tentatively will air in the fall, perhaps as early as September, on Alameda ca-

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Arts

Jazz ensemble set for overseas tour

■ The Berkeley High musicians will hold a fundraiser for a European trip that will begin with the Vienne Festival in France

By Brian Kluepfel
CORRESPONDENT

If there were a Major League of Jazz Music, Berkeley High might be the most highly recruited school in the country. Charles Hamilton's Jazz Ensemble has seen the likes of Joshua Redman, David Murray, Kito Gamble and Peter Apfelbaum pass through its ranks, and this year's lineup won a prize that has eluded the group for a dozen years: The coveted first place at the Monterey Jazz Festival's national high school competition.

"Not to say we haven't had good bands," said director Hamilton, in his 21st year at the helm. "But this year was finally our turn."

The group will take its playing to the next level on a small European tour this summer, part of which will be funded by a benefit Sunday at Hs Lordships at the Berkeley Marina.

The ensemble's dedicated parents support group organized the fund-raiser.

Many parents are quick to recognize Hamilton's easygoing leadership as a key to the musicians' success.

"He is really laid-back and lets the kids move in the direction they want to go," said Diane Gerster, whose son Eli Rosenberg (tenor saxophone) is among Hamilton's charges. "He involves the kids in discussions and picks very complex and interesting music, which suits Berkeley High."

Hamilton concurred on the special song selection. "They're playing music that they feel really good about," he said. Citing a Charles Mingus piece, "Fables of Faubus," which lampoons the notorious Arkansas desegregation-era governor, Hamilton noted how excited the young jazzers were about the meaning in the music. "They love the



BERKELEY HIGH'S JAZZ ENSEMBLE won first place in the high school competition at this year's Monterey Jazz Festival.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble concert and benefit brunch

WHERE: Hs Lordships, Berkeley Marina

WHEN: Sunday, April 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

TICKETS: \$30, \$18 for children 11 and under. E-mail: lorj54@aol.com, telephone 510-527-8245.

Limited tickets will be available at the door.

piece, its history and message," he said.

Their zeal for the music, combined with a high talent level, wowed the judges' panel in Monterey.

"The band played with such authority and confidence," Hamilton said. "That's what you have to do (to win), play a commanding performance."

He singled out trumpeters Sean Erick and Rafa Post as outstanding, but he wasn't alone in

that assessment: The duo will head to Japan as part of the Monterey competition's all-star band.

It is through an arduous selection process and a good deal of self-discipline that Berkeley High's group scales the heights every year, placing highly in national competitions — last year at Monterey, for example, they finished second. Within the larger ensemble, members form smaller combos, where more experienced players such as Erick and Post take the lead.

"They are playing such complex music, which is a real step up for kids coming into band," Gerster said.

The audition process winnows the players down to a core group of 27, plus a handful of alternates. Like trying out for a top athletic team, it takes some talent and hard work to win a place.

"Once you get in, there's a certain level of playing," Gerster said.

For the price of a concert ticket at Sunday's benefit, attendees will get lunch and performances by two jazz combos, as

well as the entire ensemble.

See's Candy and other donors like the Fourth Street Merchants help to sweeten the pot for the ensemble, which requires a \$70,000 operating budget during years involving international travel. Sales of the group's two CDs (available at www.berkeleyjazz.org), as well as local concerts, add to the travel kitty.

As part of a international tradition begun in 1997, the group will first play at France's Vienne Festival.

Hamilton noted the historical import of the event. "Count Basie and Duke Ellington have played that festival," he said. The group then heads for the Swiss Alps and the Montreux Jazz Festival, where they've been invited previously. But it's not just a stamp on a passport, said Hamilton. It's something the kids will never forget.

"We get to perform for an international audience, but we also get to hear great music," he said. "It's going to be a lifetime experience, enriching their personal and musical lives."

'Eugene Onegin' debuts at Julia Morgan Theatre

BERKELEY OPERA opens its 2003 season tonight at Berkeley's Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., with the first of six performances of Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin." Curtain time is 8 p.m. for the performance of this English translation by David Lloyd-Jones.

"Eugene Onegin" is based on Aleksandr Pushkin's long, Byronic love story of the same name that the Russian poet started in 1823 and didn't complete until 1831. Although written in verse, it has been described as the first great Russian novel.

Tchaikovsky took the story of the naive Tatiana, a country girl full of romantic ideas, who falls for Onegin, a smug, wealthy city youth, and turned it into the first of several operas and ballets he composed during his richest productive period beginning in 1878.

Bittersweet in its on-again, off-again intimacy and emotional depth, "Eugene Onegin" is the most popular and most performed of Russian operas.

Alternating in the role of Tatiana are Jillian Khuner and Lanier McNab, and as her sister, Olga, are Cary Ann Horvath and Clea Nemetz. Alternating in the title role of Eugene Onegin are Joe Kinyon and Jo Vincent Parks.

The production is directed by Mark Streshinsky. Music director and conductor is Jonathan Khuner, assisted by Jason Sherbundy.

Performances continue Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and conclude next weekend, May 2, 3 and 4 at the same times.

Tickets are \$38 general; \$33 for seniors and \$16 for the handicapped and youths 17 and under. Full-time students with ID may purchase unsold seats 20 minutes prior to curtain time for \$10 at the door. Regular tickets are available at the Willows Theatre Box Office by calling 925-798-1300.

OPT'S MILLS SWAN

JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

SONG: Two years ago, Oakland Public Theater began its residency at Mills College with an inaugural production keyed to Mother's Day. With comfy, apple-pie felicity, OPT rang in the proud event under the cozy come-on invitation to "Bring Your Mama."

Alas, times being what they are economically, this Mother's Day season marks a swan-song production, due to the impending closure of the theater department at Mills.

But artistic director Norman Gee and company have not abandoned the slogan and its reward.

"Bring Your Mama III," a production of playwright Kim Merrill's "Finding Claire," will open for two weekends on May 2 at the college.

After that, the show moves to San Francisco's Theatre Rhin Studio for two more weekends, May 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25.

Bring a photo of you and Mom to any Mother's Day weekend performance, May 9, 10 and 11, and both of you get in for \$20. Regular tickets are \$12-\$15, sliding scale. Call 510-534-9299.

The show plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, with a special 2 p.m. Saturday matinee on May 24.

Performances at Mills are in Lissner Hall, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. Theatre Rhin Studio is at 16th Street and South Van Ness, San Francisco.

"Finding Claire" is the story of Rachel, an adult adoptee searching for her birth mother. In this reverse-Cinderella tale, she seeks a different kind of "happily ever after" ending in trying to reconcile her plush



TATIANA, played by Lanier McNab, tells Eugene Onegin, played by Joe Kinyon, that she cannot betray her husband in Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin," which can be seen at Julia Morgan Theatre.

upbringing with three generations of hard women. Tracy Ward is directing.

This fall, Oakland Public Theater resumes its nomadic status with "Master Harold and the Boys," playing at the Metro Theatre in downtown Oakland near Jack London Square.

A GOES OUTDOORS: Auditions for "The Bacchae," one of Euripides' most poetically beautiful but thematically difficult plays, will be held by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley on Monday and Tuesday at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. at Berryman.

By appointment only. Call the director, David Stein, at 415-320-2627 or e-mail to aeof-berkeley@yahoo.com to request a date and time. Auditioners should prepare a 2-3 minute classic monologue for presentation.

Performances will be late afternoons on Saturdays and Sundays from June 21 through July 6 outdoors at Berkeley's John Hinkel Park.

There are roles for two males ages 20-30; one male 25-28; two males 55-plus, and four females 20-30. This is a nonAEA community theater production.

UNSHAGGY DOG STORY: Ever the soul of gallantry, hopefully, even under abominably trying circumstances, I would never refer to an actress as a "dog." Unless. And this is one of those times.

Kelly, a real dog of an actress, and her personal trainer, Lisa Reagan, are scheduled to arrive in Marin on May 10. They have accommodations at the Holiday Inn in Mill Valley.

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EVENTS

EXHIBITS

BERKELEY ART CENTER — "The 11th Annual Berkeley Youth Arts Festival," through May 11. An artistic celebration for the youth of the Berkeley Unified School District. It includes a visual art exhibition of painting, drawing, collage, sculpture, photography, mixed media and multi-media projects. There also is a Performances feature, with poetry readings, dance, music recitals and drama performances. In addition, there will be workshops on constructing musical instruments, drama, sculpture, drawing and shadow puppets. Free

"Demystifying Shakespeare Workshop," April 26, noon to 2 p.m. This class is nothing like your English class at school. Join Erin Merritt from Woman's Will Shakespeare Company, to learn the real facts about William Shakespeare. For ages 10 to 14.

"Building Experimental Musical Instruments from Salvaged Materials Workshop," April 27, noon to 2 p.m.

Youth Concert, April 27, 3 p.m. Berkely Art Center and the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts are joining talents for this performance.

John Oliver Simon and Students, April 30, 6 p.m. Simon and students from Cragmont, Hawthorn and Rosa Parks Elementary Schools will read and discuss their poetry in English and Spanish.

Music and Dance, May 3, 3 p.m. A performance by Belladizko and Berkely Arts Magnet West African Dance, Chris Brague and the Berkely Arts Magnet Percussion Ensemble, and Shaheedah Deal and Dancers from Willard Middle School and Malcolm X.

"Studies from Nature," May 3, noon to 2 p.m. Learn about the complexity of nature while learning to draw it. A workshop with artist Olga Segal, for ages 10 to 14.

"Exploring Clay, Inventing Creatures," May 4, noon to 2 p.m. A workshop for ages 5 to 10, led by artist Joel Mesnikoff.

"Dance and Rhythm of India," May 4, 3 p.m. Directed by Purnima Jha and students from Thousand Oaks Elementary and the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts.

Free, Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. 510-644-6893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org

CREATIVE GROWTH ART CENTER

"Hot Sake: A Rush of Art to the Head," closing May 2. A collaborative exhibition of new work from Creative Growth artists, artists with disabilities from Japan and visiting artist Etsuka Ishikura.

Free, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and by appointment. 355 24th St., Oakland. 510-836-2340 or www.creativegrowth.org

EAST BAY WOMEN ARTISTS

"Plane Truths," through June 29. An exhibit featuring 10 artists with works of mixed media, prints, photography, painting and sculpture.

Free, Open daily, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Royal Ground Gallery, 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 510-339-0348.

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION — EXHIBITS

"Centennial Exhibition of Korean-American Churches," closing April 30. The exhibit includes historical and cultural records as well as artifacts belonging to first generation Korean immigrants and Korean-American church organizations.

"The Sorrows of War," through May 31. An exhibition of prints by Kathe Kollwitz, with German Expressionists Otto Dix, George Grosz and Erich Heckel.

Free, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. 510-649-2400 or www.gtu.edu.

HALL OF PIONEERS GALLERY

"Oakland Chinatown Pioneers," ongoing. Twelve showcases each focusing on historic leaders and personalities of the community.

Free, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chinese Garden Building, 275 Seventh St., Oakland. 510-530-4590.

KALA ART INSTITUTE

"Grabado sin Fronteras/Printmaking Without Borders," through May 16. An exchange exhibit featuring over 50 printmakers from the Kala Institute and the Estampera de Quito, Ecuador. The exhibit is concurrently showing at the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts in San Francisco.

Free, Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-2977 or www.kala.org or www.aguafuerte.org.

LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE

"Playing With Time," closing May 1. In this highly interactive exhibit, you can watch yourself move in slow motion and control speed. Observe and interpret movements the human eye cannot see unaided.

\$8 general; \$6 seniors, disabled, and youth ages 5 through 18; \$4 children ages 3 to 4; free for children under 3. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley. 510-642-5132 or www.lawrencehallofscience.org.

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM

"MFA Exhibition 2003," April 25 through May 25. An exhibit by the students in Mills College's Master's program, including artists from New York, Spain, Israel and Iceland. Unconventional and classic art forms are represented in this show. Reception, May 4, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Our Neighbor



ROCKRIDGE'S MARKET HALL is a landmark near the BART station and houses several retail stores.



CHRISTIANSON HELLER GALLERY has a diverse selection of art and home accessories.

Rockridge has friendly atmosphere and a distinctive variety of stores

BY ERIN REDING

CORRESPONDENT

A visitor to Oakland's Rockridge district could easily mistake his surroundings for a small European neighborhood. Residents of the area have managed to find a place where they can eat, shop and live all within a few square blocks. Shoppers greet each other with hugs instead of handshakes and store owners recognize patrons not only by their names, but also by the names of their pets.

Nestled at the foot of the Oakland and Berkeley hills, the Rockridge district of Oakland encompasses the shops, restaurants and homes clustered around College Avenue between Broadway and Alcatraz Avenue.

Easy access

Because BART is centrally located in Rockridge, the area is a convenient stop for most Bay Area residents. Visitors, commuters and residents alike are able to step out of the BART station and walk down the street to do their shopping without having to get into their cars.

Rockridge typifies one-stop shopping. The accumulation of restaurants, gift shops, art galleries, jewelers, clothing stores and coffee

shops, has created a well-rounded and accessible shopping destination.

"I come to Rockridge to get everything I need," says longtime Berkeley resident Whitney Rice. "I can get my produce, coffee, new shoes and maybe even a new carpet all in one place."

Other patrons appreciate the diverse shops. Each store offers something a little different. For example, the concentration of art galleries in Rockridge does not decrease the originality of the art that they produce.

"In a time when Starbucks seems to rule the world, Rockridge

is great because they are no chains," says San Francisco native Eryk Gettell. "I like shopping at places where I don't feel like I am helping corporations dominate."

One of the first places a person should visit in Rockridge is the Christiansen Heller Gallery. The gallery, which offers fine arts, crafts

and jewelry, has been in the area for over 10 years. The items in the gallery are made by over 250 craftspeople, artists and jewelers located all over the United States.

The gallery is especially unique because of the diverse selection of items. Turquoise rings and gold necklaces share a shelf with bronze sculptures. Clocks with bright pink lighting are on the same wall as a lamp with sculpted animals climbing up its base. Neon colored, glass jellyfish hang from the ceiling of the gallery, tempting shoppers to reach out and touch the dangling legs.

Most importantly, Jan Christensen, the gallery's owner, prides herself on the personal relationships she maintains with both her customers and the craftspeople whose art she displays.

"I know pretty much everyone and I feel invested in their lives," says Christensen as she waves at a passerby. "I love this business because I love my customers."

Christensen is also actively involved in community affairs in Rockridge. She sits on the advisory board for Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency which partners up with non profit organizations to raise money and hire unemployed or lower income groups for neighbor-

hood jobs like street

"What's special about Rockridge is that businesses get acknowledged when you extend beyond your old," says Christensen.

Just across the street from the Christiansen Heller and Fils Gallery is a new to the neighborhood photograph gallery is family display photographs by Dennis Barloga and Roy Barloga.

Cement floors with bright ceiling lights in the front create a bright, vibrant gallery's interior is simple, directing the eye to the artwork he walls.

Photographs of Venetian canals, cityscapes, and rural scenes are interspersed with local subjects like trees which dot the county's hillsides.

Dennis Barloga produces color photographs of Rockridge.



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Roy Barloga, produces black and white photographs. The two men work together on their collection of colored, fine signs.

Artists tend to concentrate on European subject matter, however each artist has a distinct style.

Roy Barloga uses more traditional means of developing while Barloga often utilizes the digital.

In contrast to many galleries, the Barloga et Fils Gallery is unique because of the fact that customers are free to meet and speak to the artist who created the art they are buying.

Patrons are able to go to the source with questions regarding the art.

Barloga et Fils Gallery and the Christensen Gallery are just a result, art connoisseurs and viewers alike can enjoy a wide range of high quality art in a small geographic area.

One of the reasons we chose this (as the location for our gallery) was because of the proliferation of galleries in the area," says Roy Barloga.

Beginning in May, the four galleries will extend their hours on Friday evenings. The galleries' owners hope that visitors will enjoy the opportunity to stroll through the showrooms on warm summer evenings as part of a miniature "open studios." Champagne, strawberries, and beautiful art may be the perfect way to kick off a summer weekend.

Farther down on College Avenue, toward Alcatraz Avenue, is a women's clothing store called Ovation.

A mainstay in Rockridge, the store has been in the neighborhood for almost twenty years.

With large windows in the front of the store showcasing brightly colored clothing and accessories, the casual shopper cannot avoid the temptation of entering.

Ovation offers a diverse range of clothing. It is a store where mothers and daughters can come and shop together. The store primarily stocks clothing made for women ages twenty five to fifty five so that there is something for almost everyone.

"We get everything from girls

shopping for their prom to mothers

of the bride," says Ovation's

manager Clara Pettit.

In addition to Ovation's primary line of clothing, it recently opened a bridal salon above the store called The Wedding Party. While it does not sell bridal gowns, it has many choices of bridesmaid and flower girl dresses.

Because of its longevity, the store has established itself as one of the foremost places to purchase clothing in the East Bay. Like most establishments in Rockridge, the salespeople at Ovation typically know the customers who frequent the store.

Whether to shop, browse, or simply chat about the latest news around town, customers are always warmly greeted by the employees at Ovation. The store prides itself on providing a "no pressure" shopping environment.

Stores like Ovation know the importance of maintaining good customer relations in a place like Rockridge. Residents of the neighborhood often recommend stores to their friends who do not live in the immediate area. As a result, word of mouth is the primary source of business.

Patrons in Rockridge are very loyal," says Pettit. "If they find you and like you, they'll keep coming back."

In addition to loyal customers, businesses in the area are equally supportive of each other. For example, during Ovation's recent trunk show, the bakery next door brought out pastries for customers while the local florist provided floral arrangements.

Noteworthy restaurants are not hard to find in Rockridge.

Garibaldi's is just one of the neighborhood's premier eateries. Located on College Avenue for almost six years, it draws clientele from all over the Bay Area.

The interior decoration of Garibaldi's creates an elegant and sophisticated atmosphere that maintains a sense of comfort and coziness. Low lights are matched with mirrors and small table lamps while large indoor plants add to the Mediterranean ambience.

Garibaldi's boasts a full bar and

a large, wood burning oven which

produces the ultimate thin crust pizza. When possible, Chef Julia Drori only purchases organic vegetables and free-range chicken. As a result, Garibaldi's food is consistently of the highest quality.

Despite the fact that the restaur-

ant can seat almost one hundred

and fifty guests, Garibaldi's has

stayed true to its commitment of be-

ing a neighborhood restaurant.

Servers and hostesses know their

customers and the customers them-

selves always seem to run into

friends and neighbors when sitting

down to dine.

"The atmosphere is very

friendly," says manager Jane Daily.

"This is a place where you can go

to get a great meal and also have

a great time. The bar is always lively

and the food is always consistent."

Garibaldi's also offers valet park-

ing which, in a neighborhood where

an empty parking place is virtually

unheard of, is an added luxury.

Since Garibaldi's opened its

doors in 1997, many other fine

restaurants have followed suit, making Rockridge the perfect place to

get anything from a quick bite on

the run, to a sit-down dinner for a

special occasion.

"Since we've opened, we have

brought more and more people to

the neighborhood and more restaur-

ants have opened," says Daily. "It's

good for everyone because it brings

more revenue to the Rockridge

area."

The influx of new restaurants has

not created the cut-throat, competi-

tive environment one might expect.

Instead, the restaurants frequently

recommend other places to eat and

encourage their customers to taste

everything Rockridge has to offer.

In between meals, a visitor to

Rockridge should be sure to peek

inside Pavé, a neighborhood jew-

elry store specializing in custom

made pieces.

Over 70 percent of the jewelry

at Pavé is custom made. If a cus-

tomer wants a piece that they can't

find in the store, Pavé's jewelers will

discuss the buyer's alternatives with

them, sketch the possibilities, and

then create it. Because shopping at

Pavé is usually a multi-step

process, the store's employees have

a chance to genuinely get to

know their customers.

The fact that Pavé's employees

make the jewelry themselves, elim-

inates any type of middleman which

is an advantage for customers who

are able to tell the artist exactly what

they want.

Oftentimes, engaged couples

choose Pavé as the place to pur-

chase their rings so that they might

make the whole experience more

personal and sentimental by de-

signing the rings themselves.

Shopping for jewelry is often an

intimidating and high pressure ex-

perience. Customers tend to feel

daunted by large jewelry stores. The

people at Pavé recognize those

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LOOT ANTIQUES offers a seminar for people who want to learn more about the art of floral design. Classes filled up so fast they are planning to offer more in the fall.



JEWELERS, many items are custom made and designed with input from the customer. Here we look at some of the items.

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fears and do everything possible to make shopping an enjoyable experience.

"People shouldn't be afraid to come here and wander around," says store owner Michael Endlich. "Just coming in and seeing beautiful things is a pleasure."

Pavé also offers a highly diverse range of jewelry. Some glass cases house classic jewelry like white gold rings embedded with diamonds while other cases have more unique pieces like turquoise and brushed metals. There is also a wide selection of estate jewelry.

Like almost every other store or restaurant in Rockridge, Pavé prides itself on being an alternative to chain stores or mini malls.

"There are a lot of big chains out there," says Endlich. "But when you have stores like us that are small and unique, it makes the whole area an interesting place to shop."

One of the most distinctive spots

in Rockridge is Loot Antiques, a store that offers a combination of floral pieces, antiques, reproductions and gifts. Having only been in the neighborhood for a year and a half, the store is a welcome addition to the area.

Mustard colored walls, ceilings with exposed beams and antique chandeliers create a rustic, homey atmosphere. Victorian chairs sit on Oriental rugs while tapestries and beautifully framed mirrors adorn the walls.

The store's interior is changed every two months to give the space a new and fresh look. Shoppers can be inspired by the store's displays and are always encouraged by employees to try something new when they are decorating.

The inventory in the store is not strictly antiques and the rooms are filled with eye candy. Sconces made out of shells, a quartz mirror and metal palms are just some of the items to be had at Loot.

Visitors could spend hours in the store browsing through the items or simply absorbing the creative energy by brainstorming new ideas

about how to decorate a living room or salvage old tarnished candlesticks that have been in storage for years.

The store's owner, Ron Morgan, is an expert in his field and is world renowned for his work with interior decorating, antiques and floral arrangements. He has done displays for Harrods in London and stores in Singapore.

Because of his artistry, Loot Antiques is more of a gallery than a store. Many of the items in the store are things that Morgan found at flea markets or junk yards. His ability to see things in a different way, grants him the ability to transform so-called "junk" into beautiful art.

"[Morgan] is a total artist, and that's what people love and respect about him," says store manager Betsy Hecht.

Loot Antiques offers a seminar class for people who want to learn more about the art of floral design. However, because of Morgan's reputation, the five classes sold out in four days. However, beginning in the fall, more classes will be available.

One of the most impressive qualities of Rockridge's businesses is their overall appreciation for their customers. Store owners and managers

consistently rave about the loyalty and enthusiasm of Rockridge residents and visitors from neighboring cities.

Unlike more bureaucratic department stores, employees in Rockridge genuinely appreciate the level of interaction they can develop with patrons. They look forward to seeing particular customers, inquire about their day, and help them with anything they need.

Businesses in this area are reminiscent of a time when customer satisfaction and service were more important than profiteering.

"There's a sense that we are all in a community together," says Pavé's Endlich.

"All the businesses are sharing the same clients and they are wonderful people. The merchants are all unified in wanting to improve the neighborhood in any way we can."

Rockridge businesses are committed to keeping their own standards of excellence high. The Rockridge District Association is a self-assessing business association that strives to make sure the area lives up to its potential.

The District Association is currently trying to make the BART station more visitor-friendly by providing

maps and directions to help shoppers find the shops and restaurants they are looking for.

A public plaza is planned for the area of College Avenue below the BART station, and general beautification of the station is already beginning initiated by the District Association.

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If customer satisfaction is indicated, the District Association has clearly succeeded in its tempts to create a better shopping environment.

"Rockridge has great places to eat," says



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Reviews

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"CHICAGO": Why was it again that Hollywood stopped making movie musicals? Who decided we shouldn't leave a theater humming that catchy tune, fighting the urge to tap dance our way across the lobby? "Chicago" is the kind of uplifting, exhilarating movie that makes you ask these questions. Vastly talented Renée Zellweger even manages to upstage diva Catherine Zeta-Jones in this tawdry tale, originally based on true-crime cases and later made into a Broadway musical. — M. Polis. (PG-13; sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements) 1 hour, 53 minutes. A-

"THE CORE": This disaster epic never had a chance at being fine filmmaking, but it might have been worth a few pulpy thrills if it played up the cheesiness of its premise: Two scientists (Hilary Swank and Aaron Eckhart) tunnel to the Earth's core to set off a nuclear reaction that will start it spinning again and avert global destruction. Of course, they also fall in love. It's the sort of movie where characters say "Good luck and God-speed" to each other. We want to see blow-it-up-real-good effects, but the movie tries to make us pay for our enjoyment of the mayhem by teaching us about the moral imperative that binds us to Mother Nature. — C. Hewitt. (PG-13; sci-fi situations, brief strong language) 1 hour, 45 minutes. D-

"DREAMCATCHER": Another adaptation of a Stephen King book where someone wears a terrifyingly deranged smile. The grin in this one, directed by Lawrence Kadan, isn't as spooky as Jack Nicholson's in "The Shining," but it's still effective. Four buddies with special powers encounter strange things while hunting in the Maine woods. There's a wonderful ominous quality to the film's first half, but it gets silly after that, too reliant on special effects. Still, the relationships seem real, and it keeps its humor, even when it gets scary. — M. Polis. (R; violence, gore, language) 2 hours, 16 minutes. B

"GHOSTS OF THE ABYSS": Fans of the all-time moneymaking film "Titanic" will cherish James Cameron's new IMAX feature documentary, which explores the remains of the ship with great intimacy. Those who found "Titanic" too sentimental will discover much to admire in the new film. Intricate details of the ship are revealed without pedantry, and the 3-D cameras bring all those details to remarkable life. — P. Wutach. (G) 1 hour. B+

Events

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"Selections From the African American Museum and Library at Oakland Collection," through May 12. An exhibit of documents and artifacts relating to politics, labor, education, entrepreneurs, pioneers and founders. Learn about the history behind the collection and the plans for its future.

"Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

SPECIAL EVENT — Cheryl Broussard and Michael A. Burns, April 25, 6:30 p.m. The authors will discuss their book "What's Money Got To Do With It? The Ultimate Guide on How to Make Love and Money Work in Your Relationship."

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RICHMOND ART CENTER — "The 38th Annual Student Art Show: Art is Cultural Literacy," through May 31. This exhibit is by middle and high school students in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. In the Main Gallery.

"Playful Spaces," through May 31. This installation exhibit is by Lisa Marie Barber and shows chaotic altars, celebrating excess, obsession and the human spirit. In the West Gallery.

"Scenes and Zines," through May 31. An exhibit featuring the best of Bay Area CD and LP cover art and zines, which are small, do-it-yourself magazines. This exhibit focuses on the spirit and character of the alternative music and culture scene. In the South Gallery.

"Members Only," through May 31. A group exhibit featuring the work of Richmond Art Center members. In the Community Gallery.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA — "The Neighborhood of Solitude: Prostitutes of Mexico City," closing May 1. An exhibit of the photographs of Mexican photographer, Mayra Gómez. This exhibit is cosponsored by the University's Center for Photography and Graduate School of Journalism.

Free. 121 North Gate Hall, Berkeley. 510-642-3383 or www.journalism.berkeley.edu.

"THE GOOD THIEF": A supremely self-confident heist movie from director Neil Jordan, featuring a tip-top performance from Nick Nolte as Bob Montagnet, the French Riviera's most lovable thief, gambler and heroin addict. Seedy, stylish and seductive, like a Tom Waits song set to film. Inspired by Jean Pierre Melville's 1958 classic "Bob Le Flambeur." Newcomer Nutsa Kukhanidze makes quite an impression as the young Bosnian girl Bob tries to save from a life of prostitution. — M. Polis. (R; language, sexuality, drug content, some violence) 1 hour, 49 minutes. A-

"HEAD OF STATE": Post-9/11, you don't expect to see the White House blown to smithereens in the middle of a goofy comedy. But that's what happens in Chris Rock's mostly lame farce about the first African-American presidential candidate. The film is politically toothless. It doesn't help that Rock's performance is wooden. Bernie Mac, who plays Rock's bail-bondsman big brother, has a commanding physical presence, and the audience's energy level seems rise when he's on screen. — J. Boyar. (PG-13; language, some sexuality and drug references) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C-

"HOLES": You walk out of "Holes" wondering why more kids movies aren't like this — exciting, refreshingly clever and completely heartfelt without a trace of condescension. Filmmaking that confronts serious contemporary social themes, yet has a gentle, old-fashioned magic. Based on Louis Sachar's Newbery Medal-winning novel "Holes," about a boy, Stanley (the winning Shia LaBeouf), who lands at a Texas work camp, thanks to a curse on his family, and gradually unravels the mystery of why the warden (Sigourney Weaver) makes the inmates dig a 5-foot-deep hole every day. Sachar wrote the screenplay, his first ever. You'll never know it. Or maybe you would, because it has an unpredictability that is sadly rare these days. — M. Polis. (PG; violence, mild language and some thematic elements) 1 hour, 51 minutes. A-

"HOUSE OF 1000 CORPSES": Rob Zombie's hideous little exercise in theme-park horror has plenty of blood but generates little in the way of genuine terror or suspense. Intended to be a homage to '70s splatter "classics" such as Wes Craven's "Last House on the Left" and "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," the movie occasionally nails the low-fi, creepy atmosphere, but botches on delivering the gruesome goods. Even the midnight-movie crowd would be hard-pressed to stay awake for the duration of this one. — G. Whipp. (R; strong sadistic violence, gore, sexual-

ity and language) 1 hour, 28 minutes.

"LAUREL CANYON": Square med-school student Sam (Christian Bale) is forced to move into his ultra-cool record-producer mom's (Frances McDormand) fabulous house in the hills above L.A. Mom was supposed to vacate, but instead she's cutting an album, romping with her hot young rock-star boyfriend (Alessandro Nivola) and sending enticing vibes toward Sam's allegedly upright fiance (Kate Beckinsale). If you relish Vanity Fair in which celebrity interviews are conducted at L.A.'s hip Chateau Marmont, then writer/director Lisa Cholodenko's vacuous, elitist movie may please you. It, too, implies that your life would be more glorious if you were poolside, wearing Jean Paul Gautier and enjoying a cigarette with your wheat-grass shake. — M. Polis. (R; sexuality, language and drug use) 1 hour, 41 minutes. C+

"THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS": The second installment of director Peter Jackson's big-screen adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's great trilogy is as intoxicating as last year's "Fellowship." Jackson expertly weaves together three distinct journeys, taking as his centerpiece a scene to which Tolkien devoted only a dozen or so pages — the battle to defend Helm's Deep. It's a fantastic choice, one of the most thrilling battle scenes ever filmed. The special effects, most notably the computer-generated creature Gollum (voice and movements by Andy Serkis), are nifty, with the unfortunate exception of the Ents, who look a bit too much like Gumbys. — M. Polis. (PG-13; epic battle sequences and scary images) 2 hours, 59 minutes. A-

"MALIBU'S MOST WANTED": Jamie Kennedy stars as a white, Jewish, wannabe rapper, Brad, aka "B-Rad," who dresses and talks like he's straight outta Compton, when he really lives in a beachfront mansion in Malibu. His behavior becomes a liability to his father, Bill (Ryan O'Neal), who's running for governor. So Bill's campaign manager pays two actors (Taye Diggs and Anthony Anderson) to pose as gangsters, carjack B-Rad's hydraulic Cadillac and drag him to the hood. This, in theory, will "scare the black out of him." Kennedy developed the character from a sketch he does on his WGN comedy series. Like many comedians, he'd have been better off sticking to television. — C. Lemire. (PG-13; sexual humor, language, violence) 1 hour. D-

"A MIGHTY WIND": It's unlikely that Christopher Guest will ever make a truly bad or boring movie, but with his latest, "A Mighty Wind," the bloom feels a tad off the rose of his unique mockumentary style. "Waiting for

the Art of Seeing: Nature Revealed through Illustration," through June 15. A juried exhibition with recent works by 48 artists depicting plant and animal species and a mural created by a group of 21 art students.

"Quizzical Eye: The Personal Photography of Ronal Partridge," through June 22. An exhibition of 100 photographs, including photo cubes, collages, mixed media works and a reconstruction of his darkroom.

"The Rustler Ranch Mastodon Project," through June 30. Visitors are invited to watch staff members of the Natural Sciences Department prepare a nearly complete mastodon for exhibit. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Iconic to Ironic: Fashioning California Identity," through September 21. An exhibition displaying more than 100 articles of clothing and accessories from the museum's permanent collection, as well as items from other major museums and private lenders, including items like jeans, sportswear and the costumes of Marilyn Monroe, Marlene Dietrich, Michael Jackson, Sharon Stone and Brad Pitt.

Curator's Talk, May 2, 8 p.m. A reception and gallery tour lead by the curator of the exhibit. \$5.

SPECIAL EVENTS — Free with museum admission unless noted otherwise. "Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on video disk in the History Department Library.

LECTURE — "Richard Diebenkorn: Making Prints, Doing Art," April 27, 3:30 p.m. Karin Breuer, curator of contemporary graphic art from the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, will discuss the prints of Diebenkorn. Free with museum admission.

"The Emerging Bay Area Fashion Scene," May 2, 6:30 p.m. A panel of fashion industry experts will discuss the future of fashion in the Bay Area. Free with museum admission.

"Conversation with the Artist in Residence," May 2, 8 p.m. Painter Lien Truong will give a special presentation, slide show and discussion of the work she did during her tenure as the artist in residence. Free with museum admission.

DAYTRIP TOURS — Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Art a la Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.

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Guffman" and "Best in Show" made us snort with laughter. This one, a parody of earnest and talentless folk singers from the early 1960s meeting for a reunion show, is funny, but it's tough to sniff. It's formulaic and lacks spontaneity. Also, since when was all folk music so awful? Even in "Spiritual Tap," those who disliked heavy metal could get a charge out of the music. But here we get on tedious, insipid song after another. Guest hardly owes us a historical recounting of the folk era, but since he's usually so razor-sharp and inclusive, one wonders what about talents like Joan Baez, Woody Guthrie or Bob Dylan? — M. Polis. (PG-13; sex-related humor) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C+

"NOWHERE IN AFRICA": This Oscar-winning German film is a Holocaust survival story. Based on journalist Stefanie Zweig's memoir, this is one of the better filmed examinations of Europeans in British colonial Kenya. The suffering is, in a historical sense, negligible. Yet the personal impact of the calamity is evoked with a jarring completeness. Three very lucky people get out of Nazi Germany in 1938, several months before it goes irreversibly bad for Jews. This movie finds deep psychological insights where most just go hunting for big game. — B. Strauss. (NR; contains sex, nudity, language and racist language and actions) 2 hours, 18 minutes. A-

"OLD SCHOOL": Rude, crude and God help me, pretty funny. Whipped yuppie husbands everywhere throw off the shackles of weekend trips to Home Depot and return the tomfoolery of this raucous tale of grown men chafing against the responsibilities of adulthood and marriage. It peters out, as so many comedies do, but not before delivering some inspired bits, including the glorious sight of Vince Vaughn strapped into a Baby Bjorn. With Luke Wilson and the hilarious Will Ferrell. — M. Polis. (R; strong sexual content, nudity and language) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B

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"TALK TO HER": Peoria has created a tragic need; both its liberating powers. Bengio is a nurse who sets aside his unconscious (Leonor Watling) needs. Marco (Rosario Flores), who comes to reveal his obsessiveness with his wife; she has become into unconsciousness of his devotion to her and a horror story and a horror story. Almodóvar flips the script not just sympathy for him, but he's being trapped in various spiritual, physical, emotional, B.

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1958 MG earns distinguished place in an American family

MOTOR MATTERS

Most Americans think of open two-seat sports cars whenever the British MG automobile is discussed. However, four-door MG sedans were manufactured both before and after World War II.

The Z series of MG Magnette saloons was produced from October 1953 to December 1958.

A total of 18,075 ZA models were followed by 19,025 improved ZB models. A precious few of the 37,100 MG Z series cars ever came to the United States.

A used 1958 ZB model ended up in the hands of Clemson University student Doug Campbell. He happily drove his MG while courting his girlfriend, Kay. In the mid-1960s the MG was demolished during a close encounter with a much larger American car.

Though Kay mourned the demise of the MG more than he did, they still were married — leading him to believe that he was the sole object of her affection.

In the spring of 1977, Kay saw a 1958 MG ZB Magnette saloon advertised for sale. A London resident had bought it new and first registered it Aug. 1, 1958. Later, his son became the second owner.

When the MG was 19 years old, the son decided to sell it to any American who, he assumed, would be crazy enough to gladly pay too much.

He shipped the car to the United States where the plan was for his father-in-law to sell the car at an exorbitant price. The Campbells, along with their two children, waited for a weekend and drove to New Jersey near the Delaware Water Gap area to inspect the car.

When the garage door opened, Mrs. Campbell was smitten by the black saloon with its maroon interior. All the parts were there, and, though well-worn, the MG was in very presentable condition.

The Campbells were not crazy Americans, they had previous experience with a Z series MG and knew what the honest price should be. After a bit of negotiating,

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the Campbells became the third owners of the MG that is an inch more than 14 feet long.

Although it was to be Kay's car, Doug drove it the 200-plus miles home because the manual four-speed transmission and clutch were foreign to her. Soon after the uneventful trip home she was learning the intricacies of the manual transmission.

The solid MG, which sometimes would behave as if it had a mind of its own, was christened "Winston." The new owner says that to her, the sturdy car exhibited many of the same traits as Winston Churchill.

"I'm here to tell you that once you name a car you're totally helpless," she explains. From that point on, any needs of the car took precedence.

The diminutive 91-cubic-inch, four-cylinder engine, fed by a pair of single-barrel down-draft S.U. carburetors is just barely up to the task of propelling the relatively heavy car.

The Campbells drove Winston until 1980 when the Air Force reassigned him to Belgium. Of course, Winston went with them.

Their first week in Belgium the Campbells learned, to their dismay, that the Belgian drivers have no concept of traffic-light signals. Traffic lights are the illuminated arms that flip out from the side of the car to indicate the driver's intention of turning.

The French Citroen that ignored the traffic-light was hauled from the accident scene on the back of a truck while Winston sustained only a bruise on his fender.

After four years in Belgium the Campbells were transferred to Germany. During the transfer the MG was taken to England where it underwent a superficial restoration and was repainted in the summer of 1985. From Germany, Campbell flew to England to retrieve the MG and drive it back to Germany.

Peering through the three-banjo spokes of the steering wheel, the driver sees the 100-mph speedometer. She said, "Winston is happiest at 60 to 65 mph." Sipping premium fuel from the 9.5 imperial gallon fuel tank, the car can deliver up to 20 miles per gallon.

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Regardless of what other cars the Campbells have in their stable, the MG has always been the one to count on. "Winston has always been a dependable workhorse," Kay concludes.



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On the Autobahn approaching Stuttgart, a passing Mercedes-Benz cut abruptly in front of him. The rear bumper of the Mercedes-Benz caught the front bumper of the MG. The end result was the front bumper of the MG was bent, while the rear bumper of the Mercedes-Benz was lying on the highway.

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Q I have a question regarding my 1996 Chevrolet S-10 pickup. I recently changed my battery and now the air bag light is illuminated.

I took it to a garage and the mechanic put a meter on it and could not resolve the issue.

I disconnected the battery and still the same — the air bag light is still illuminated. Any suggestions?

A Albert Siragusa
Norwich, Conn.

Your S-10's air bag malfunction indicator lamp is controlled by the DERM (diagnostic energy reserve module).

This box contains a back-up power supply for air bag deployment and oversees system diag-

nostics.

After briefly illuminating the lamp during each start-up, the DERM scrutinizes the air bag system's circuits and components for problems.

In the event of a malfunction (there are 22 faults it can recognize), the lamp will again be illuminated.

Did the air bag lamp glow immediately after renewing the battery?

If so, the ignition switch might have been inadvertently left in the run position when the battery was disconnected/reconnected, or worse, the terminals might have been accidentally connected backward.

Either situation could have blown the air bag system fuse or damaged one or more air bag system components, resulting in the glowing lamp.

E-mail him at under-the-hood@juno.com or write to him in care of Drive, Mercury News, 750 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, Calif. 95190. He cannot make personal replies.

ing with just 10 problems per 100. Honda and Hyundai tied for second place with 11 problems per 100 vehicles. Subaru had 13 problems per 100, Nissan had 15 problems per 100 and Mazda had 20 problems per 100 vehicles.

Chrysler ranked the best among the domestic automakers with 20 problems per 100. It was followed by GM with 21 and Ford with 23.

Among the European brands, BMW and Volkswagen had 20 problems per 100, and Mercedes-Benz had 22 problems per 100 vehicles.

So how do three- and five-year-old vehicles fare? Well, quality has been improving.

Vehicles from the 2000 model year had 55 problems per 100 vehicles and those 1998 models had 78 problems per 100 vehicles.

The best three-year-old models were the Acura RL, Honda CR-V, Mazda MX-5, Lexus ES 300, Honda Civic and Toyota Camry. All had fewer than 18 problems per 100.

The worst were the Chevrolet Corvette, Ford Focus, Mercedes-Benz M-Class, Volkswagen Golf, Jetta and New Beetle; and Chevrolet Astro/GMC Safari. All had more than 90 problems per 100 vehicles.

The best five-year-old models were the Honda CR-V, Toyota Tacoma (4WD), Acura RL, Lexus ES 300 and the Honda Odyssey/Isuzu Oasis, all of which had fewer than 25 problems per 100 vehicles.

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domestic sport utility vehicle). It also ranks brands from worst to best in terms of longevity. It also examines long-term reliability of three- and five-year-old vehicles.

Five-year periods are important because three years is the most warranties expire and consumers have to start repair costs.

Ratings are based on the use of nearly 480,000 vehicles that provide information on problems they had during the preceding 12 months in categories, ranging from the system to the engine transmission.

According to data, Consumer Reports predicts reliability and problem ratings for older vehicles based on the number of problems per 100 vehicles.

Major finding? If you're looking for reliability, your best bet is an Asian vehicle, said Champion, the director of vehicle testing. The domestic industry has significantly improved in quality but still trails Japanese.

Five-year-old Japanese vehicles are about as reliable as a well-established domestic or European model, Champion said.

In the 2002 model year, the top for the industry was 18 problems per 100 vehicles, down from 21 problems per 100 vehicles in the 2001 sur-

vey. American and European vehicles averaged 21 problems per 100 vehicles. Asian manufacturers — which included both Japanese and Korean models — averaged 22 problems per 100 vehicles.

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Advertising supplement to The Montclarion, The Piedmonter, The Berkeley Voice, The Journal, The Alameda Journal

Classic Classics: MGB still going strong [D3]

DAVE VAN SICKLE

Most gas-saving gadgets fall short of touted claims

While gasoline prices begin to rise, do motorists concern about fuel economy? Not so concerning a consumer gas-guzzler, but consumers by vigorous advertising of gas-saving gadgets, we found by this year's test round-up, that's not necessarily the case.

For years, the Federal Trade Commission has been pushing manufacturers to be more transparent about their automotive devices. So far, most gas-saving gadgets and accessories don't work well enough, start work and then stop working, don't work at all or don't seem to work, produce little power savings.

While you're saving gas, you're actually increasing your emissions and under federal regulations, the emissions could be considered illegal.

After evaluating more than 100 gas-saving devices, the EPA has found that few actually improve fuel economy and those that do so significantly.

The agency has also found that less than 10 percent of the gas-savers even work.

The survey of gadgets that don't work:

- Air and vapor bleed devices that add air to the intake manifold for a leaner mixture. "It didn't help," says the agency. "It did, though."
- Liquid injections that add water to the fuel mixture in the manifolds.
- Ignition modifiers, most of which replace existing ignition parts

Source: XWWD Page D2



Acura RSX makes shifting much more enjoyable

In spite of summer's heat, the 2002 Acura RSX Type S is a fun car, with its 200-hp VTEC engine and its five-speed manual transmission. It's a bit bouncy, but steering is easy.

TOM KEANE

With the G-Force 3 installed in an Acura RSX Type S, the five-speed transmission is exceptionally easy to shift, putting the driver in control of the car's speed. At the same time, the engine's torque and its VTEC engine's ability to shift automatically make shifting fast and smooth. The result is a fast, powerful engine and shifter ready made for a smooth, controlled ride. Although the G-Force is available limited to a five-speed automatic transmission, the top of the line S-Type

has a six-speed manual transmission. Although the engineers claim the car has a more controlled ride, they are pushing the envelope too far. The ride is a bit bouncy unless the road surface is smooth, but the car is very easy to steer and the small diameter of the steering wheel is a plus.

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Tote cuisine: beyond the bologna sandwich

By MARA GALLAGHER

The leaves haven't begun to change, but I've already seen one sure sign of autumn in almost all our grocery stores.

All my neighborhood supermarket, an enormous grocery store ... I had last month with brown lunch bags, 100 to a box, and design. That's a lot of seconds and off-beat lunches that used to be made

With take-out and delivered food so readily available, you might think that grown-ups have

given up the brown bag lunch

but it's still a favorite among a lunch from home every day and we, 45 percent bring a home-packed lunch at least once a week.

Their reasons vary. Some want

to go through lunch. Some run

errands and won't down a sandwich afterward. Others are follow-ing doctor-prescribed diets or

keeping calorie counts, counting calo-

ries or working the night shift.

Rosemarie Detwiler, a customer-service associate with Pro

essional Venetian, Go, in Menlo

Park, recently brought her lunch to

work because she felt that the

company cafeteria offerings were

expensive. Now her price range re-

spects her diet.

Detwiler, 42, has

been a Weight Watcher since 1997,

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Who is your favorite team?

SPORTS

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Section C

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Alameda triples its pleasure

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

Live by the "J" or die by the "3" — that Alameda lived.

The Hornets (17, 9-0 in the Alameda Costa Costa Athletic League) hit nine 3-pointers yesterday, including seven from sophomore guard Kayla Calandro, and won their eighth El Cerrito 79-21. Thursday night at the Hornets' Nest in Alameda.

The Hornets knocked the Gauchos (17, 9-0) one-and-a-half games behind the Hornets in the ACCAL. Alameda has three league games left; El Cerrito two.

The Gauchos still have to play Berkley.

Alameda was coming off an

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

excruciating 81-60 loss to Berkeley on Tuesday and came out a bit revised against El Cerrito after that, and called it another "J" game.

El Cerrito had defeated 57-51 on Jan. 17. The Gauchos on the other hand, had defeated Encinal 60-33 on Tuesday, shooting 50 percent from the field.

"Personally I wanted it more because we lost to Berkeley," Calandro said. "I thought we were just as good as Berkeley, so I took that (loss) out here tonight."

With Calandro hitting on 7-of-9 pointers, Alameda led the Hornets 28-17 lead at the half.

Alameda's Lucie Galindo fired in eight of her 10 points in the first half, including two 3-pointers.

The game was permanently

away from El Cerrito in the first moments of the third quarter.

Nicole Catania stole the ball from Ana Lopez and underhanded a 3-pointer. A basket and a score for 44-41.

After that, and calling it another "J" game.

El Cerrito led 44-47. Encinal turned the ball over four times.

The visitors managed to get back into it. Alameda extended the lead to 54-49 with eight seconds left in the third quarter, and the Gauchos, who inside game, were forced to foul to the perimeter to get back into the game.

"I thought it was our mistake defense," Calandro said about the effort again.

"I think we want there again," Berkeley. "I thought we held back against Berkeley. We didn't do that tonight."

The key to Calandro's success was ball movement, the Gauchos

simply didn't get around the perimeter fast enough, she explained.

She was asked why she had the time to make strange shots.

"I was afraid of shooting."

El Cerrito coach Ron Williams

said he was "not too nervous. Our

inside game patterns were wrong

and didn't work. Those first few

minutes of the third quarter did

n't help either."

Although Calandro couldn't do it, she had more than enough

help. Catania scored 14 points,



EL CERRITO HIGH S. Andressa McDraw, right, gets a rebound over Alameda's Sheldia Grissom. Reid in their ACCAL game.

BSAL NOTEBOOK

Canceled games hurt Salesian

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

The Salesian High School boys soccer team had to play three athletic league matches, and judge them as "no contests," and they may have cost the Cheftuans a North Coast Section berth.

Salesian finished the regular season with a 5-4-3 record, fifth

in the BSAL. Two victories in the

canceled Salesian matches would

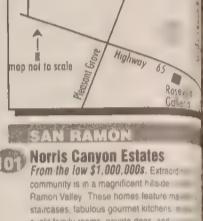
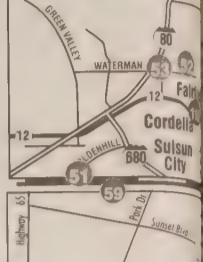
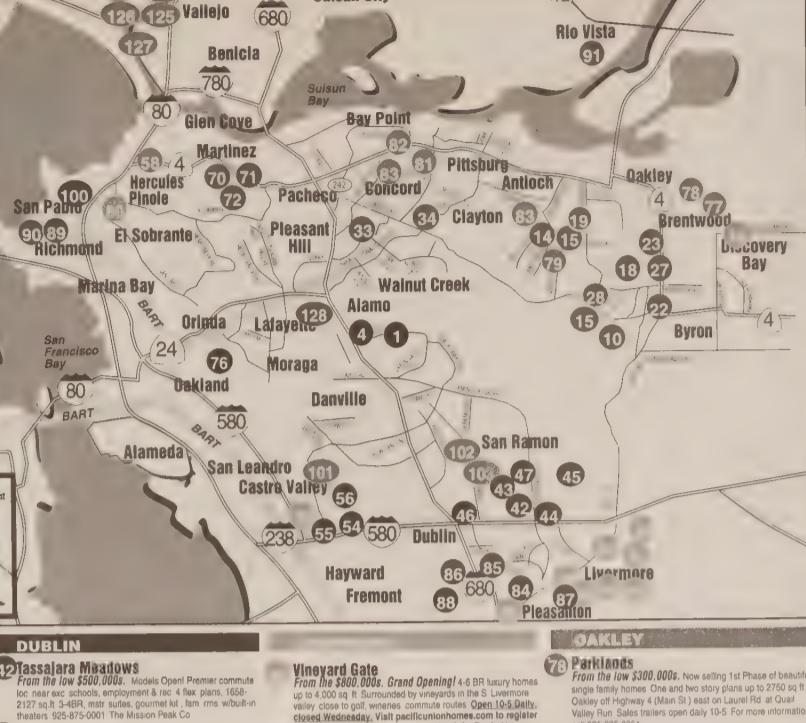
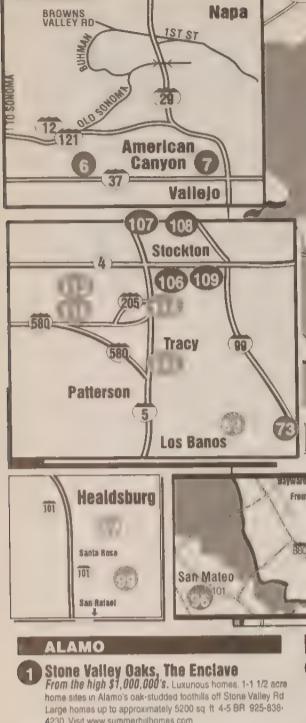
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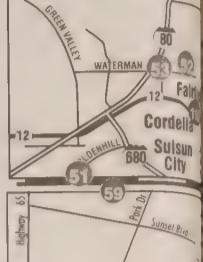
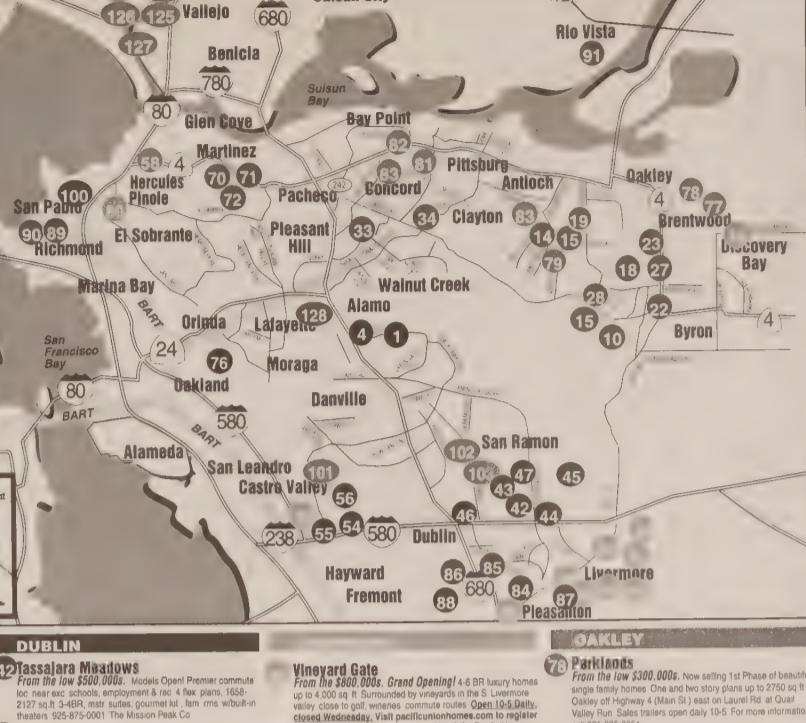
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gar, \$1500/mo. pets
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to, dmt, area, sch, 2 car
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REMODELING 3BD/2BA, 1g-
hr, cto, to sch, 1,500
sq ft, \$1,900. 925-724-1359

Point Richmond
Homes

5BD 2B1A N.E. Richmond, 2BD/
1BA, great area, new
Cpt, pvt bshd wtr, grnd
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new fen./deck, gar, yd
\$1,400. 510-223-7425 Eve.

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3BD/3BA Must see cust
home w/br, view. \$1,850
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2BD/1BA stove, refrig,
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Harbour Way \$1,300 +
\$100 dep. 510-235-3958

Richmond Homes

5BD 1 1/2BA Richmond, 2BD/
1BA, great area, no pets,
Grnd pd. \$10-815-0125

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\$2,200 + deposit 209-754-5751

NORTH RICHMOND - 3BD,
close to BART & Hwy.
W/D, 1,500 sf, 2 car dep.
Avail 5/1 415-250-3047

Rodeo Homes

2BD/1BA \$1150/mo., pets
OK, lg. yrd, Avail. 5/15/03

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San Leandro
Homes

2BD 1 1/2BA Marina Fair, hol
tub, family rm, lg. kit, ga
rage, indr, non-smk, for
rent. Hala 510-523-4633

San Pablo Homes

1BD, in-dm, rm, bar
indr, nonsmkg, no sec.
\$8,550+ util. 510-669-1531

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Rollingwood, 3bd lba,
1,600 dep. 510-955-1500, 9/7

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N.O.Pets. \$1,250/mo.
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3BD/1BA 1874 21st St. No
pets. Lease 1 yr. \$1500 +
\$1500 dep. 510-222-4933

3BD/2BA 2 car par, lg.
yrd, spa, nice view. \$1,800
Ok. \$1,600. 510-741-8630

San Ramon
Homes

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Hills Complex, Spacious
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plus utilities. Call 510-741-5938

2BD/2BA short term avail.
No pets. Nonsmoking. \$55
yr. \$1400 510-728-3571

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bright, sunroom, deck, no
course, AC, 2 car gar, lg.
yard, gardener. No pets.
\$2000+ dep. 510-963-7890

3BD/2BA+ bright, roomy,
N.O.Pets. \$1,600/mo. 510-955-1500

3BD/2BA Excel, cond,
backs up to walking trail.
\$1,900-929-837-9471

3BD/2BA+ loft, beaut.
brand new. Windemere, nr.
schis. \$2500, 925-901-1609

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Homes

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non-smoking, cul-de-sac.
Cody Ct. Near Marina Fair.
Avail Now, Grdn. Indl.
\$1800 925-944-1936

2BD/2BA just used 1400
sq ft, no pets, nonsmoker.
Non smk. \$1640 108
Boxford Rd. 925-923-8005

3BD/2BA, fam. rm, formal
dnl, pvt yd, close to
I-80. \$2500. 925-929-7355

4BD/2BA 2,600 sf, ac, fr
paint, pvt yd, gardns.
\$1,900/mo. 510-205-0162

4BD/2BA, quiet st., grdn
\$2350/mo. 925-829-2431

4BD/2BA, very clean, nr.
schis. No pets. \$1,850/mo.
925-736-5314. 426-2644

4BD/2BA, 1800 sf, ac, pool
& tennis. \$1,800/mo. 510-746-9469 or
\$2400/mo. 510-581-0325

4BD/2BA+ 2,600 sf, ac, pool
& tennis. \$1,800/mo. 510-939-7637

San Ramon
Homes

4BD 2 1/2BA 4,600 sf, no
pets, non-smoking, \$1,750/mo.
dep. 510-925-9100

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AC, grnd. No pets. Lease
\$2250 + dep. 925-947-5553

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Dr. in San Ramon. 925-923-0201
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gar., wd, walk BART. No
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Homes

STUNNING 3BD/3BA Bent
Lane, Walnut Creek. \$275,000
\$750/mo. 925-525-4728

3BD/2BA, 1g. 2 car, \$175,000
\$750/mo. 925-525-4728

3BD/2BA 5th fl. W.C. Top of
Hill - View, Funky, \$175,000
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3BD/3BA spa, gar. Pets
maybe. No sect. \$8. Avail
S/1. \$1,190. 415-271-3995

REMODELED 3bd/2.5 ba
gar. walk to sch. grnd.
area \$2250 925-437-3985

3BD/1BA up, sev. remod.
\$1,750/mo. 925-437-2142

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4BD/2BA 2, 3 stv., 2800+
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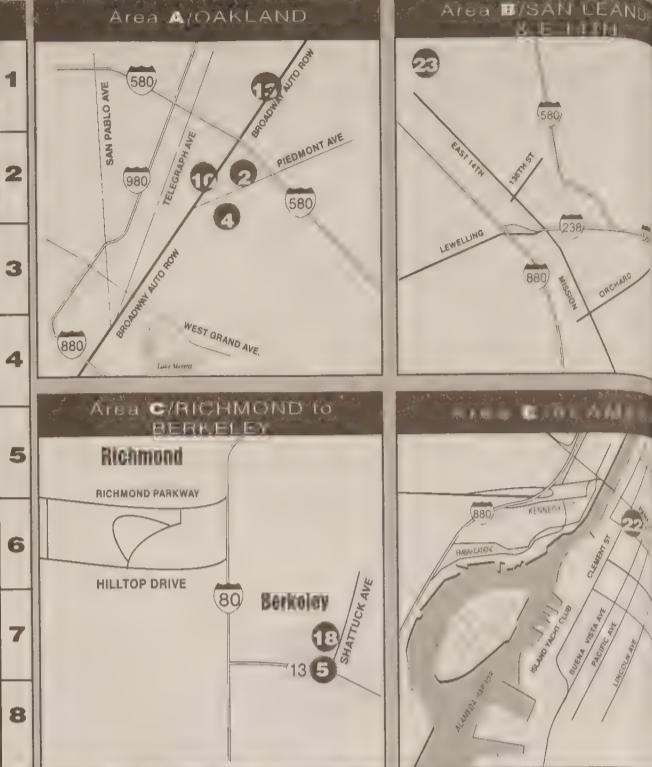
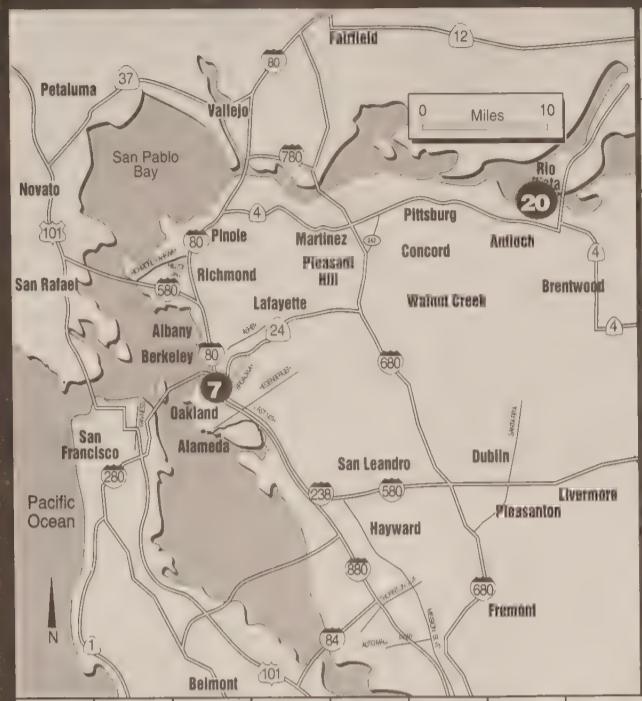
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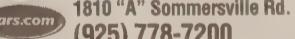
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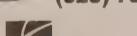
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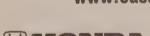
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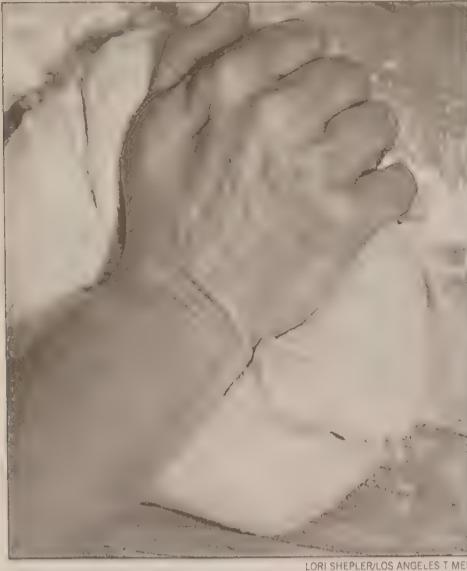


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You can turn your oven into a brick oven

BY CHARLES PERRY

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Baking bread is a race between the expanding force of the carbon

Bread

FROM PAGE 1

Fragrant bread, date bread, sour-dough bread (a distinctly sour variety called kyllastis, which the Greeks borrowed), breakfast bread, traveler's bread, hardtack, pyramid-shaped bread, obelisk-shaped bread, stamped bread — scores of kinds, a number of them baked only for the gods.

Medieval Arab writings mention paper-thin breads, thick breads, pocket breads, round breads, ring-shaped breads, braided breads, breads shaped like ears of wheat and like ladders. Modern Iraq has breads of its own: gura (a flat bread for wrapping kebab), sammuna (a spongy unleavened bread), uruq (a yeast bread with chopped meat and vegetables mixed into the dough).

It's no accident that every civilization throughout history has been based on grain. Grains are the seeds of grasses, the go-getters of the vegetable kingdom: fast-growing, stripped-down plants consisting of nothing but roots and leaves. Not terribly finicky about climate or soil, these little machines for converting sunlight into food energetically colonize something like a quarter of the world's land. Even the animals we have domesticated tend to live on grasses, so most of our meat, milk and eggs are recycled grass or grain.

And so are we.

Wheat is the most nutritious of the common grains, containing carbohydrates and every amino acid we need (though not all in sufficient quantity, which is why traditional foods so often combine wheat with meat, beans or dairy products).

It turns out you can't live on bread alone, but you can live quite well without adding much else.

Decades back, Cosmo girls figured out the gimmick of baking to put a guy in a romantic mood. Well, it works — we're hard-wired for it. There's just nothing like the smell of fresh bread to give a feeling of comfort, of being cared for, a confidence that life will go on. It's the basic comfort food. The proverbial Egyptian description of a sourpuss is: "He never smiles, not even for hot bread."

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dioxide produced by the yeast, which makes bread rise, and the stiffening of the crust as it dries, which keeps the loaf from expanding. You're rooting for the expansion to run ahead of the stiffening as long as possible, which will give a nice, high loaf.

The brick oven — an ancient invention that's still the best baking environment — does this beautifully because it's a sealed chamber. The water that evaporates from the heated dough stays in the oven, keeping the air moist and steamy, so the crust stiffens slowly.

But the home oven is not sealed — it's heated by a continuous blast of hot air rushing through it, which sweeps that steam up the vent pipe. So the crust stiffens up early, and either the bread comes out heavy or the crust splits wide open later in baking and you get a rock-hard shell of a crust with an unshapely bulge of over-risen crumb (which will stale quickly, since there's no crust to protect it).

Another of the brick oven's

virtues is that it's a "falling" oven. It's heated all at once, by burning wood or charcoal in it; the fuel is raked out before the bread goes in, so the temperature gradually falls during baking. This also slows down the stiffening of the crust. You can reduce your oven temperature during baking, that's easy enough. The problem is the lack of a steamy oven atmosphere. Some home bakers put a pan of water into the oven in the hope that this will create sufficient steam, but it's only moderately effective.

The late Elizabeth David suggested a much better technique, because it recreates the environment of the ancient brick oven. It's to put the bread on a cookie sheet or pizza brick, rather than an oven rack, and cover it with a lid that can

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Turning dough into bread

BRICK OVEN-STYLE BREAD

1 (1/4-ounce) package active dry yeast

1 1/2 cups warm water (105 to 110 degrees)

3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more if needed

3/4 cup whole-wheat flour

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1/4 cup yellow cornmeal, divided

1. Dissolve the yeast in 1/4 cup of the water in a large bowl. When it starts to foam, stir in the remaining water. Combine 3 cups of the all-purpose flour with the whole-wheat flour and salt. Add to the yeast mixture, stirring until blended. Beat in additional flour as necessary to form a ball.

2. Knead the dough on a floured board until smooth and elastic, 10 minutes. Transfer to a greased bowl and cover with plastic wrap and a towel; let rise in a warm place until double in volume, 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

3. Punch down and form into a ball. Roll it in flour; set on a baking sheet sprinkled with 2 tablespoons of cornmeal. Cover with an inverted pot 9 inches or more in diameter. Leave in a warm place 1 hour.

4. Remove middle rack from oven; place a pizza stone on bottom rack. Sprinkle remaining cornmeal on the stone. Heat oven to 450 degrees.

5. Remove the pot from the bread and make several slashes on the top of the bread with a sharp knife. Slide the bread onto the hot stone. Replace the pot. Bake 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to 400 degrees and bake 15 minutes longer. Remove the pot. Continue baking until browned and the crust begins to smell like toast, 25 to 30 minutes longer. Servings: 6 to 8.

Total time: 1 hour, 15 minutes, plus 2 1/2 hours standing.

Note: Adapted from "English Bread and Yeast Cookery," by Elizabeth David. The bread can be baked on a baking sheet.

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"I book about the region,
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about an old villa there
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architecture and
laid out on the New York
best seller list for two years
and just been
a film, scheduled for re-
fall.

"If you look at how they served
their feasts and the whole atmos-
phere they created around feasting,
it's something you still see in Tuscany today."

"You go to someone's house for
dinner and they don't just have an
antipasto and a first course and a
second course and a dessert. They
have several antipasti ... several
things for each course. There is a
sense of largess. ... I think it's a di-
rect inheritance" from the Medicis,

says.

Although the first four Medicis
grand dukes ruled from 1537 to
1631, "They still influence everyday
life in Tuscany," she says. Even now,
the Medici coat of arms hangs in
the piazza, or market square, in Car-
torna, the town where Mayes and her
husband, Ed, live half the year
in their restored villa named Bra-
masole.

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BAKED PEPPERS WITH ROCOTTA and basil plus Fennel Soup are both recipes from "Under the Tuscan Sun."

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era, she says, because people still
prefer simple but excellent locally
grown foods.

"Meat is very, very freshly han-
dled. There is a big emphasis on
what is seasonal, what is fresh and
natural ... on primo ingredients,
not things flown in from Chile," she
says.

It's no wonder she says that
"cooks go crazy there. They go
wild."

Her previous books have in-
cluded a few recipes; in "Under the
Tuscan Sun," she wrote them in
prose form and called them kitchen
notes.

Finally, her fans will be happy to
learn, she's writing a cookbook. But
she says she's "struggling with how
specific to be."

Italians don't cook according to
the dictates of a book, measuring
out a quarter-teaspoon of this or a
tablespoon of that, she says.

Instead, they cook by instinct,
by taste, by what ingredients are
best and at hand. Like all the other
artists of Italy, they create.

Recipes

CHICKEN BREAST WITH GREEN AND BLACK OLIVES

1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil

6 chicken or turkey cutlets

(about 6 ounces each)

1 small onion, peeled, finely
chopped

2 cloves garlic, peeled, crushed

1 cup dry vermouth

Juice of 1 lemon

1 cup pitted mixed green and
black olives

Salt and pepper to taste

1/4 cup chopped Italian parsley

In a large skillet, heat the olive

oil over medium heat. Add the
chicken cutlets and saute until
they're almost done, about 3-5 min-
utes depending on the thickness;
remove the cutlets to a platter.

If needed, add a little more olive
oil to the pan and saute the onion
and garlic.

Add the vermouth and bring the
liquid to a boil, then quickly reduce
the heat to a simmer. Cover for 2-3
minutes.

Return the chicken to the pan
and drizzle it with the lemon juice
and add the green and black olives.

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Oven

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- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- Cake:
- 3/4 cup finely chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Calimyrna or Mission figs, stems removed
- 1/4 cup chopped toasted pecans or walnuts
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup butter, at room temperature
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup sour cream

To make crumb topping, combine flour and sugars in small bowl. Cut in butter with pastry blender or fork until crumbly; reserve. To make cake, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease 9-inch spring-

SERVE SLICES
of Fig Lover's Cinnamon Crumb Cake with coffee or tea for a special treat.



Tuscan

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Cook for 5 minutes or until the chicken is done. Season with salt and pepper and stir in the parsley. Makes 6 servings.

BAKED PEPPERS WITH RICOTTA AND BASIL

3 large yellow bell peppers
1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cups ricotta cheese
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
1/2 cup finely sliced green onions
1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
2 eggs
Basil leaves for garnish, optional
Sing the peppers quickly over a gas flame, grill or under the broiler. The peppers should char all over, but do not cook them so long that they turn limp.

Remove them from heat and cool them in a plastic bag, then slide off the charred skins. Cut the peppers in half lengthwise, remove

the stems, ribs and seeds. Drizzle the halves with olive oil.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium bowl, mix the ricotta, basil, green onions, parsley, salt and pepper.

Beat in the eggs.

Fill the pepper halves with the ricotta mixture and place them in a baking dish. Bake for 30 minutes.

Remove the peppers from the oven and garnish them with basil leaves. Makes 6 servings.

FENNEL SOUP

1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
2 fennel bulbs, thinly sliced
2 bunches green onions, washed, ends removed, thinly sliced
4 1/2 cups chicken stock or reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided

Salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup mascarpone or heavy whipping cream

Toasted fennel seeds for garnish, optional

In a large saucepan heat the oil over medium heat. Add the fennel and green onions and saute briefly.

Add 2 cups of the chicken stock and simmer until the fennel is cooked, stirring frequently. Using an immersion blender (or remove the mixture from the heat, cool slightly and, working in batches if necessary in a blender) puree the mixture.

Whisk in the remaining 2 1/2 cups of chicken stock.

Season with salt and pepper to

taste and cover. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes.

Whisk in the mascarpone or heavy whipping cream. Remove the soup from the heat immediately. Serve it cold or warm, garnished with toasted fennel seeds.

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form pan. In small bowl, mix figs, pecans, brown sugar and cinnamon. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, soda and salt. Beat butter in large bowl of electric mixer on medium to high speed until creamy. Gradually add granulated sugar and beat until light and blended. On low speed, beat in vanilla and eggs, one at a time. Alternately beat flour mixture and sour cream into batter. Stir 1 cup batter

into fig mixture. Spoon in bottom of pan. Sprinkle mounds of fig batter on top; carefully spread to Sprinkle crumb topping.

Bake for 55 to 60 minutes until pick inserted in center clean. Cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove side panels. Warm or room temperature into wedges. Makes 12.

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